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Colonel-in-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



**The Countess
Mountbatten of Burma,
CBE, CD, JP, DL**

Message from the Colonel-in-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has provided sterling service for the past eighty-five years. Our history, from the unique founding when Andrew Hamilton Gault personally raised this Regiment, to the heroic endeavors demonstrated in World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict, and finally the numerous operational UN and NATO missions, has portrayed a Regiment rich in tradition, professionalism and dedicated service both on the national and international scene.

This has been a tremendous year for me as your Colonel-in-Chief. I have had the splendid opportunity to visit my Patricias across Canada during the 85th Anniversary of the Founding of our Regiment and my 25th year as your Colonel-in-Chief. It was a great pleasure for me to visit Association and serving members in Fredericton, Gagetown, PEI, Ottawa, Kingston, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. I was most impressed with the 85th Anniversary Trooping where all four battalions, including the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, trooped their Colours. What inspired all of us was the large number of the "Old Guard" who marched past at the end of the Trooping. When I visited the PPCLI Museum in Calgary, I was very moved by the kind gift of the bronze relief "The Peacekeepers" given to me by the Regiment for my 25th Anniversary. I am so happy that this splendid gift, which touched me very much, can remain in the Museum for all to enjoy for the years to come.

It was most interesting to visit my Patricias in the Infantry School in Gagetown. Their continued professional approach in providing excellent advanced training for our NCO and the important training and development of the Officers in the Army is well exemplified in the high standards maintained in our Regiment. I had a marvelous opportunity to visit 1 PPCLI in Kosovo. These fine soldiers, NCOs and Officers continued to demonstrate the proud professional standards that I have become so used to observing in difficult UN and NATO missions. 3 PPCLI has had a very busy Fall preparing for a UN operation in Bosnia commencing in late February 2000. My Second Battalion not only continues to perform well on demanding training exercises, including live fire combat team and battle group ranges, but provided marvelous support to the PAN AM games in Winnipeg.

As we enter a new millennium, I do look forward to visiting my Third, then Second Battalions on their UN tours, as well, in June, in participating in the Change of Command in Winnipeg and witnessing the presentation of new Colours to the First Battalion in Edmonton. I am confident that our Patricia soldiers will continue to inspire all Canadians with their outstanding professional endeavours and achievements. Indeed, our "Proud Heritage will continue!"



Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

**Major-General
C.W. Hewson, CMM, CD**

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment



1999 has been another busy and productive year for all Patricias. We celebrated, in July, the 85th Anniversary of the founding of our Regiment and the 25th Anniversary of Lady Patricia's appointment to be our Colonel in Chief. The operational tempo picked up as First Battalion, at short notice, deployed to Kosovo and Third and Second Battalions intensified their preparations for deployments to Bosnia in 2000.

Reunions are about seeing old comrades and remembering fondly those who are missing. There were plenty of opportunities for that in Edmonton. There were also ceremonial occasions to celebrate our Regiment's 85 years of distinguished service to Canada and particularly notable was Trooping the Colours of all four battalions. There was also the dedication of Gault Park which will provide a significant Patricia focal point within our new Home Station.

In celebration of her 25 years as our Colonel in Chief Lady Patricia's itinerary took her from coast to coast where she and Lord John met an enormous number of her Patricias, both serving and retired. In Calgary, her visit to the Patricia Gallery was the opportunity for the Regiment to formally thank her for her dedicated service throughout the past quarter century and to assure her of our continued respectful devotion. The tangible aspect of this was our gift to her of a bronze relief which will remain on display in the Gallery.

It was a distinct pleasure for me to visit the First Battalion in Kosovo and to observe how well the Battle Group was performing in that very difficult theatre of operations. The high standard of professionalism of all members was well recognized by the international community and clearly respected by the local population.

Third Battalion distinguished itself by winning both the Hamilton Gault and Skill at Arms Trophies and through a series of challenging exercises, has proven to be well prepared for its task in Bosnia. Its deployment is taking place as I write this message. Second Battalion provided outstanding support to the Pam Am Games last summer and is now focused on its deployment to Bosnia in 2000I.

As we enter our 86th year I am confident that the Regiment will continue to maintain the very high standard which has been so well demonstrated throughout our history. Well done Patricias! I'm proud of you all!



1999 Regimental Council

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The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL

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Regimental Headquarters

Responsibilities

Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) is the only component of the Regiment devoted exclusively to Regimental Affairs; it is the general office of the Regiment. Regimental Headquarters is responsible for: being the Secretariat of the Regiment and the PPCLI Association; accounting for regimental funds; operation of the Regimental Kit Shop and Warehouse; operation of the Regimental Museum and Archives; editing and publishing all Regimental publications including the Association Newsletter, The Patrician and the Regimental Manual; liaison between Regimental soldiers, veterans, units, and Association Branches; maintenance of all Regimental and Association files; funerals, visits, protocol; and a variety of other tasks assigned by or on behalf of the Regimental Council.

Regimental Gratuities

The new Regimental Gratuities plan was approved in 1997. The following gratuities will be provided to all new Regimental members, serving and departing who have maintained their applicable rate of voluntary contributions since the commencement of the programme (01 January 1984) or since their enrolment, whichever is later:

- a. on joining the Regiment, regardless of entry plan, each new member will now be provided with a free issue cap badge and numbered Regimental Coin;
- b. during a career, members will receive an annual copy of *The Patrician*, and when promoted to Sergeant, a sash; and
- c. on honourable retirement, release or remuster, with:
 - (1) nine years of service or less - a small, unframed Regimental Certificate of Service (*unit or regional ERE representatives to action*);
 - (2) between nine and nineteen years of service - an engraved 4.5 " Pewter statuette (choice of 4 models) or a \$60 PPCLI Kit Shop Gift Certificate; and a small unframed Regimental Certificate of Service; and
 - (3) twenty or more years of service - an engraved 6.5" WWI Gianelli pewter statuette, and a large framed Regimental Certificate of Service. (*Individuals in this category are invited to a formal Regimental Retirement Dinner*)

Unit OPIs and ERE Regional Representatives are to immediately advise RHQ by e-mail, fax, or message of Patricians who are on release or remuster under the categories of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above. In order to prepare the applicable gratuities, RHQ needs the following particulars: name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, approved retirement/release/remuster date, and forwarding address. The OPI shall provide a contact phone number to RHQ, and the proposed date of presentation of the gratuities if known.

The Regimental Museum

IN THE MUSEUM OF THE REGIMENTS, CALGARY, ALBERTA



The past year was a busy and exciting one for the staff at the Museum and Archives. The new Colonels of the Regiment/Colonel-in-Chief Exhibit was installed in June and opened in July by the Colonel-in-Chief herself. Accompanied by Lord Brabourne, Lady Patricia toured the Museum and celebrated 25 years with the Regiment with a short reception.

The Museum also received a visit in the fall from the Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable, Adrienne Clarkson and her husband, His Excellency John Ralston Saul. Mr. Saul's father fought with the Patricia's in WWI.

The inventory/data entry of the artifact collection continues and improvements to the weapons storage area are almost complete. Forty five hundred artifacts and archival documents have now been entered on the computer database. The Museum and Archives has received and catalogued upwards of 800 artifacts and archival items in 1999, for a total value of approximately \$20,000. The most notable acquisition was the photographs, correspondence, medals, and accoutrements of Major General Cameron Bethel Ware.

The Vimy Ridge Academy display installed in Edmonton in October was well received and a new display is being planned for later in 2000. The 260th BN Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force Exhibit is under construction and will be completed and installed in the Gallery by the end of March. The Glenbow Museum has opened a new Millennium "Heroes" Exhibit and one of the heroes, chosen by Bret Hart (of wrestling fame), is the 2nd Battalion at the Battle of Kapyong. Many of the items to be exhibited were borrowed from the PPCLI Museum.

Archival material to supplement the new Regimental History book continues to arrive almost daily. To date, 106 PPCLI veterans and serving soldiers have been interviewed by the Heritage Committee and many others have contributed written accounts of past service with the Regiment. These interviews are being tran-



scribed and landed onto a database. Approximately 40 more interviews will be conducted over the next few months. Dr. David Bercuson has begun writing the chapters covering WWI and Archival staff will continue to be involved with research for the book throughout 2000. The Heritage committee is still looking to interview soldiers who have served in peacekeeping operations. The artifact and archival collection continues to be weak in the post Korea and peacekeeping areas.



PPCLI 85th Anniversary Celebrations 1914-1999

All members across Canada celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the Founding of our Regiment during the time frame of June and July 1999. The CINC, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma (Lady Patricia), was able to conduct a tour across Canada. She commenced her visit in Gagetown at the Infantry School with the French Gray Battalion. Then she conducted a vehicle tour of New Brunswick and headed to PEI, where she had a lobster feast with the Atlantic Branch. This was followed by a driving tour to Halifax via the ferry. She continued her visit in Ottawa and Kingston with the Association Branches and the serving members.

Lady Patricia then flew to Edmonton, where the bulk of the retired and serving members celebrated the main 85th Anniversary events. Lady Patricia was able to visit with her National Association Representatives at the Annual General Meeting on 2 July 99. She opened the meeting with praise for the Association and all the marvelous accomplishments the members have achieved over the years. She presented the Merit Awards, but also presented a gift from the Regiment to the outgoing President, Mr. Doug Bedford, for his years of dedicated work for the Association, the PPCLI Museum, for planning and conducting the annual Association Casino, and for his overall dedication to the Regiment. She then departed to the Mewburn Veterans Centre to visit her fellow Patricia veterans and pay a general visit to all veterans at the hospital. That evening she co-hosted with the LGov of Alberta, the Honourable Bud Olson, a VIP cocktail party; followed by a Tattoo and Sunset Ceremony, which was held at Clarke Stadium. A myriad of bands, an unarmed combat display from 3 PPCLI, a silent drill team from 2 PPCLI, a Sunset Guard provided by 3 PPCLI, a dog team from the Edmonton Police Services, all planned and orchestrated by the DCO and members of 1 PPCLI, was enjoyed by 7,000 visitors.

On 3 July, Lady Patricia enjoyed an opportunity to visit her soldiers during the conduct of a vehicle and equipment display, held in the 1 PPCLI lines. She was able to participate in an all ranks BBQ and also visit with the Frontiersmen, a para-military organization where she has a key role as their Patron. That afternoon, she was the reviewing officer for Trooping the Colours, an historic event where all four battalions colours, including the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, were on parade. An estimated crowd of 7,000 attended. The highlight of the parade was a huge march past, conducted by the Old Guard, which was estimated at approximately 400 in strength. Mr. Doug Bedford was given the honour, as the out-going President of the Association, to stand with Lady Patricia for the Old Guard March Past. That evening, over 1,000 guests enjoyed an all ranks dinner and dance with their CINC. On 4 July, Lady Patricia presided over a sod turning ceremony to initiate the commencement of work on the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park, where the Founders nephew, Mr. Leslie Gault, was also present as a representative of the family.

On the evening of 4 July, Lady Patricia attended the Mountbatten Polo Match and banquet, hosted by Mr. Fred Mannix, at the Calgary Polo Club grounds. On 5 July, she officially opened the new display at the PPCLI Gallery, which commemorated the former Colonel of the Regiment and her 25th Anniversary as our CINC. She received a bronze relief called the "Peacekeepers", which she donated to the Museum so that all Patricias may enjoy this artwork for years to come.

She completed her visit across Canada, in the celebration of our 85th Anniversary, by visiting the Vancouver and Victoria branches of the Associations. Both branches hosted functions for the Association and serving members in the area. Large numbers turned out to both events. Of added significance was the large number of Burma Star Association members and their families that attended the Vancouver function. Both Lord Louis Mountbatten and the CINC have been associated with the Burma Star Association as Patrons.

As ever, the **PROUD HERITAGE CONTINUES!**



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Message from the National President

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Mr Jac de Bruijne, CD

1. AGM 2000

The Victoria Branch of the Association is hosting the Annual General Meeting on 2-3 June, 2000. The secretary, John Tolley, assures me that the registration packages for the Branches are to be in the mail before the end of this February. I hope to see all of you in Victoria in early June!

2. Association Membership

It is with great concern that I watch the dwindling of membership in our Associations. Unfortunately, there are some people who would not think of joining the Associations, and others who do not believe that it is relevant to or effective for them. Having noted these remarks, I urge that all

Branches take all prudent measures to ensure that non-member Patricia's in your area be tracked down and as many of these people as possible be updated on a regular basis. These actions constitute a basic obligation and serve to keep the list -the Family- alive. We also must begin to recruit those who are leaving the serving component in a methodical process. Presently a complimentary one year free association membership is available to all Patricians that are leaving active service. I encourage all Branches to ensure that these retiree's are invited to the occasional get together, and that we remind them of the benefits of being an Association member. Furthermore, for those Patricians who have not been exposed to the camaraderie in our Association and our Branches, let me assure you that the arbitrary distinctions imposed by the military caste system (probably one of the most rigid in the world) are noticeably weakened when entering our environment! Yes, we respect the past achievements of all individuals, but also we go forward with a sense of fellowship that has been built over years of serving the Regiment in a common cause. You will be able to revive friendships that would never have been possible in civilian life. Annual events, such as the general meetings and reunions every five years for both the Regiment and the Kapyong Battle, give you the opportunity to meet with your former comrade-in-arms.



JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION TODAY

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

The privileges offered by the Association, as determined by the Association Executive Council from time to time, are:

- Maintaining contact with the Regimental Family
- Receiving the annual Patrician
- Association Membership Card
- Receiving the Association Newsletter
- Preferred rates for Regimental events
- Possible inclusion in DVA Pilgrimages

In addition Branches may offer their own Newsletters, social events and ceremonies. The Annual General Meeting is moved across the country each year offering a chance to see both old friends and new places.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Dues are based upon an Association fee and a Branch fee for Ordinary and Associate Memberships and are payable in each calendar year. Fee schedules are subject to change from time to time.

National dues are paid by all members, including Members-at-Large - \$15.00 (as of 01 Jan 99).

There is no standard Branch fee. This is decided by the Branch membership and added to the National fee, and made payable to the Branch treasurer.

Members-at-Large pay direct to the Secretariat by cheque, money order or VISA /Mastercard.

JUST RETIRED OR RELEASED?

The Association offers a complimentary one year membership at no cost within six months of retirement or release from the military. Should you wish to attend Regimental or Branch social functions, however, normal fees for those events are charged separately.

(effective 1 January 1999)



Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

The PPCLI Association is the not-for-profit corporate body of the Regiment. It is composed of retired and serving members of the PPCLI who share a common bond of experience with or attached to the PPCLI.

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Colonel of the Regiment

Major-General C.W. Hewson, CMM, CD

Association Objectives:

- a. *To encourage and promote public interest and support of the PPCLI;*
- b. *To perpetuate the esprit de corps and close bonds of comradeship;*
- c. *To foster, maintain and promote the tradition and well-being of the Regiment;*
- d. *To establish and maintain the Regimental Museum and its Archives;*
- e. *To assist members, widows and children of deceased members where necessary and possible;*
- f. *To collect, receive, hold and invest funds and property, and to use such funds to further the objectives of the Association; and*
- g. *To provide student bursaries through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund*

Newsletter

An annual Association and historical Newsletter, devoted to the interests of all members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, is published at Regimental Headquarters, Edmonton Garrison as an official Regimental Publication under the authority of the President of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association.



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25 Years with Lady Patricia

The Countess Mountbatten of Burma (Lady Patricia) celebrated her silver anniversary in 1999 as the Colonel-in-Chief of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Throughout her twenty-five years she has continuously demonstrated a great interest in her Regiment. Her natural leadership and excellent communication skills have endeared her to her soldiers, NCO's, Officers, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association members, and veterans.



Left to Right -

Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland, CD and Mrs Sutherland,
Major General B. Ware, DSO, CD, and Mrs Ware,
Lady Patricia and Lord Brabourne,
Major General G. G. Brown, OStJ, CD, and Mrs Brown,
Brigadier General R. S. Graham, CD, and Mrs Graham

Princess Edwina Victoria Mountbatten was born in London, England on February 14, 1924. Her father was Earl Mountbatten of Burma (1900-1979) and her mother Edwina (1901-1960) was Countess

*Lady Patricia at Workpoint
Barracks - 1974*



Mountbatten of Burma. Following her education in Malta, England and New York City, Lady Mountbatten entered the Women's Royal Naval Service in 1943 as a Signal Rating. After serving in Combined Operations Bases in the UK, she was commissioned Third Officer (Cypher) in 1945 and served in Supreme Allied Headquarters, South East Asia.

In October 1946, Lady Mountbatten married John Knatchbull, Seventh Baron Brabourne. Lord Brabourne was then an officer in the Coldstream Guards and is a distinguished film and television producer whose notable productions include *Murder on the Orient Express*, *Death on the Nile*, *Sink the Bismarck*, *A Passage to India*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and many others.



Lady Patricia in Cyprus - 1978

Princess Patricia of Connaught (later Lady Patricia Ramsay, the first Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment) was Godmother and cousin to Lady Mountbatten. Lady Mountbatten is also first cousin to Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh and Godmother of Charles, Prince of Wales.

In the last twenty-five years, Lady Patricia has provided outstanding service to her Regiment. From her first visit to the Regiment in 1974, where she visited 3 PPCLI at Work Point Barracks in Victoria, to the current day, she has impressed the soldiers with her knowledge and pride of her Regiment. She has not hesitated to visit her Patricia's on UN operational tours in Cyprus, and most recently, in the Former Yugoslavia. It has been noted that even though she visited dangerous war zones like Croatia, she felt totally safe and secure when she was with her Patricia soldiers. On numerous occasions over the years, she has visited 1 PPCLI at the Home Station in Calgary until 1997, when the Home Station was moved to the current location in Garrison Edmonton. Lady Patricia has enjoyed many celebrations, including the 30th and 45th Anniversaries of the Battle of Kapyong, with her Second Battalion in Winnipeg. She has attended many parades, troopings and enjoyed family picnics with her Third Battalion which was stationed in Work Point Barracks in Victoria, then Chilliwack and now in Garrison Edmonton. She has taken great pride in our soldiers when they served in 2 Commando and the Airborne Regiment. Lady Patricia has

donned her combats and visited the PPCLI Battle School to see her recruits in training, watch leadership courses go through their paces, and has observed the Battalions' exercise in Wainwright. When the decision was made to stand down the PPCLI Battle School and create the Western Area Training Centre (WATC), our Colonel-in-Chief took time out of her busy schedule to come to that important and historical parade.



Lady Patricia on an another Cyprus trip to visit her Soldiers



Lady Patricia at the Last Parade for the Battle School

As the patron for the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, she has always made an effort, when ever she visited Canada, to pay a visit to local Associations and socialize with retired Patricias' As a veteran who served with distinction in World War II, she always goes out of her way to talk to the veterans who show up to parades, troopings or social events.

In addition to her Regimental Duties, Countess Mountbatten is a Magistrate and Vice Lord Lieutenant for the County of Kent. Among her many appointments, she is Vice President of the British Red Cross, and of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Chairman of the Sir Ernest Cassel Education Trust, Vice-Patron Burma Star Association and Vice President of the National Childbirth Trust. She is also connected to over 50 other charities.

Lady Patricia, your dedication and love of your Regiment has inspired us all. We salute your twenty-five years of excellent service to your Regiment. It is we, your Patricias, who are honoured and grateful for your splendid role as Colonel-in-Chief.



Lady Patricia at the 80th Anniversary



HONOURING AN OUTSTANDING PATRICIA

50 Years of Dedicated Service

Maj R. M. Middleton CD (Ret'd) was born in Calgary, Alberta on 23 January 1929. He enlisted in the Calgary Highlanders in 1948 and was commissioned in January 1950. He volunteered for service with the Canadian Army Special Forces for service in Korea and was assigned to 2PPCLI on 2 September 1950. He commanded 12 Platoon D Company until he was wounded in the attack on Hill 532 on 7 March 1951. On return to duty he became the liaison officer to HQ 27 British Commonwealth Brigade, later to the 28th Brigade and completed his tour in Korea as Assistant Adjutant.

On return to Canada he completed parachute training and went on to serve at the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre in the Airborne School and Tactical Air Support School. He completed a tour of duty with the Joint Warfare Establishment in the United Kingdom.

Major Middleton is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College Wellington, India in 1963 and the United States Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia in 1966.

He served as National President PPCLI Association 1984-1989 and was Association Co-ordinator for both the 75th and 80th anniversary events. Major Middleton undertook the Memorial Hall of Honour project for the PPCLI Gallery, completing it for dedication by the Colonel-in-Chief in October 1990.

Maj Middleton and his wife Laurine have three married sons, a married daughter and are proud grandparents to eleven grandchildren. The Middletons took up residence in Calgary on his last posting to Regular Support Staff, Southern Alberta Militia District in 1973 and continue to reside in Calgary.

His continued service as Chairman of the Regimental Heritage Committee and museum volunteer is testimony to his embodiment of the spirit of the Regiment.

VP!



Dedication Hall of Honour

L-R - MGen G.G. Brown, OSTJ,CD, Lady Patricia , BGen R.S Graham, CD
Maj R.M. Middleton CD



Dedication Hall of Honour, 20 October 1990

L to R- Niel Stuart, Mrs Stuart, Lady Patricia, BGen R.S.Graham CD
Maj Middleton CD (Ret'd)

The Hamilton Gault Memorial Park

In order to perpetuate the name of its founder and to once again establish a Home Station, the Regiment officially dedicated the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park as the final activity of the 85th Anniversary celebrations on 4 July 1999. This public access park is located in front of Regimental Headquarters and First Battalion's lines and will serve as the premier venue for regimental activities such as Frezenberg and Regimental Day ceremonies.



The early stages of the Park Project

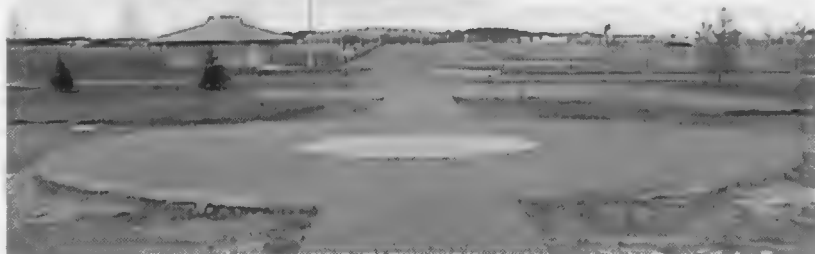
In keeping with being the last privately raised and funded regiment in the Canadian Army, the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park is being constructed through generous donations of many private individuals/institutions including Mr. Leslie Gault, Mr. M. Henry Gault, Mr. L. Jones, the Edmonton Community Foundation, the Jackman Foundation, Namao Centre IGA Garden Market, Inland Group, Holes Greenhouses and Gardens Ltd., St. Albert Pre-cast, H O Concrete Supplies Ltd., and nine branches of the PPCLI Association. Design was created by Edmonton Garrison Works Company - Engineers with construction undertaken by Trade Services Section and Pioneer Platoon of 1PPCLI, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, Garrison Edmonton Heavy Equipment section, RES Q Consultants Ltd. and Sonnema Concrete Services Ltd. Following two weeks of rain, ground breaking occurred 26 May 1999 with final pouring of cement on 16 September, 1999. The installation of lighting, completed by Cpl. Mike Vail 15 October, marked the end of Phase 2.



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The Park begins to take shape.

Phase 3 of the Park will commence Spring 2000 and will involve the installation of the Gault archway (created by the Mat Techs - 1PPCLI), landscaping, bench placement, and move of the cairn previously situated in Griesbach Barracks. Vehicles used by the Canadian Infantry will be mounted on the pre-existing pads as they become available.

Funding for Phase 3 is actively being pursued through Regimental Headquarters. Please contact (780) 973-4011 ext. 5453 if you are interested in contributing to this project.



Looking towards where the cairn will be placed.



The Royal Green Jackets

1st BATTALION THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

The Battalion set about the final phase of its preparations for a 2 year tour in Hollywood, Belfast at the start of the year. Few would have predicted that by the end of it the British Government would have devolved many of its responsibilities for Northern Ireland to an Assembly in Stormont. Even fewer would have dared to imagine that Sinn Fein would take up ministerial responsibilities within the Assembly. Conversely, and with good reason, it was widely felt that during the summer the Security Forces might be faced with some of the worst civil unrest in recent times. New security issues were emerging. In the event, it was a benign Marching Season and, aside from limited deployments in and outside the 39 Infantry Brigade area, the Battalion has been committed to static operational duties in the forward Area of Operations in North Belfast and around the home base. As we approach the Millennium there is genuine optimism in Northern Ireland – we shall see. It is self evident that establishing and maintaining an operational edge in such a complex operational environment – sustainable over an indefinite period of time – has not been straightforward. That the Battalion has done so with good humour and unerring professionalism is a source of personal satisfaction.

As always in a Green Jacket battalion, soldiering in a wider sense is enthusiastically and imaginatively embraced. Company level exercise are now in full swing and, for the first time in memory, a resident battalion will conduct an Out of Province exercise next year. Adventure training exercises, with plenty of support from the Regiment, have been programmed throughout the year. Sports too has taken off and, of note, 1 RGJ has been represented in Army rugby, hockey, rowing, football and cricket in 1999. We look forward to the Battalion's participation in the Northern Ireland boxing final early next year.

On the Regimental front the Battalion has had visits from Field Marshal The Lord Bramall, the Colonels Commandant, Regimental Headquarters and, within the theatre chain of command, Brigadier Balfour.

2nd BATTALION THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Looking back to what I wrote last year, it is striking how wrong one was about what 1999 might bring. The Battalion's period of consolidation lasted for 4 months before we were stood up for potential high intensity war fighting operations in Kosovo. And I write this sitting in Pristina



where the Battalion has been since September and will be until the end of March. The role is peacekeeping, but with the emphasis on maintaining law and order, encouraging a United Nations International Police Force to take the lead and protect a Serb minority from Albanian intimidation.

It is stimulating to say the least. Being at the forefront of the campaign and therefore in a position to define its course is very different the Battalion's experience in Bosnia during 1998. And this time everyone is involved in the process from rifleman upwards. The Battalion's principal achievements so far have been the reduction of inter-ethnic violence to a minimum leading to early and encouraging signs of Serbs beginning to return; the establishment of a joint police military structure at every level – reminiscent of early days in West Belfast – which will one day lead to a withdrawal of the military from the streets of Pristina.

But perhaps the most striking aspect of 2 RGJ's recent experience is that in a two and half year period between November 1998 and May 2000 the Battalion will have spent all its time either preparing for operations, on operations or recovering from them – a parallel with Green Jacket deployments in the early 1970's that will not be lost on Association members – and a pattern that is likely to continue until we leave Germany in three year's time. However, given my accuracy this time last year, I shall refrain from forecasting in detail what the future might bring!

THE LONDON REGIMENT

F and G Coys have now fully integrated into the London regiment, the process is slow but the RSM is beginning to learn more about Light Division Drill.

The year as always has been busy for the Riflemen, notably we have 13 soldiers away with 2 RGJ in Kosovo. This ranges from the rank of CSM to Rfn. Word has it that things are pretty busy in Pristina and that they are having a challenge.

ROYAL RIFLE VOLUNTEERS (RGJ)

The first few months following the formation of the Royal Rifle Volunteers (RRV) from an amalgamation of 5 RGJ, elements of 6/7 PWRR and 2 RGBW are now behind us.

For those readers who are still unsure how SDR affected 5 RGJ the results are as follows:

We have RGJ Rifle Coys in the following locations:

A (RGJ) Coy has 2 Platoons and the Waterloo Band (V) in Oxford with



MILAN PI in High Wycombe. E (RGJ) Coy in Milton Keynes has 2 Rifle Platoons and a Mortar Platoon. The remainder of the RRV is located as follows:

A Mixed cap badge Bn HQ and B (RGBW) Coy in Reading with a Platoon in Swindon and C (PWRR) Coy in Portsmouth with a Platoon on the Isle of Wight. The Battalion will be fully operation by April 2000.

ATR WINCHESTER

C Company ATR Winchester continues to fly the Green Jacket flag at Winchester although the numbers for Green Jackets being trained at any one time rarely numbers more than 45.

Phase 1 training is constantly being reviewed and there have been numerous rumours as to our future here. We are sitting tight for the moment although by next April, the Army Foundation Scheme (AFS) Company where all the recruits do three weeks induction training before coming to us, will probably be scrapped. The recruits will do one weeks induction within the company followed by twelve weeks training before moving on to Catterick for the Combat Infantryman's Course. This will increase the number of Light Division platoons in training from 3 to 4. Further rumours depend on the success or failure of the Infantry's wish to combine all Phase 1 and Phase 2 training in a centralized location. This would almost certainly mean our departure from Winchester and, with the exception of Regimental Headquarters and the Museum, the cutting of links with the City.

Wastage rates continue to occupy the mind as we continue to lost around 20 % through voluntary release, medical or unsuitable discharges. Sixteen year old recruits of slight build are particularly vulnerable to failure. Moves are afoot to cut down on the number of "risk" entries which might help our wastage rate but could mean fewer recruits reaching Phase 2.

ITC CATTERICK

Throughout 1999 the Infantry Training Centre at Catterick has continued to produce soldiers ready to take their place in operational battalions.

This year the relevance of this training has been underlined, with trainees regularly passing out and going on to deploy to their Battalions in an operational theatre within a few days. This has especially been the case with soldiers joining 1 RGJ in Belfast and 2 RGJ in Kosovo,.



There has been a marked improvement in the transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2 training using both a concerted effort to improve the passage of information to the trainees, and also by trying to stem some of the Discharge as of Right (DAOR) applications which sometimes occur early in a trainee's time at Catterick. There are now formal Week 3 and Week 11 briefing for recruits. These aim to dispel some of the myths about Catterick and provide a 'look forward' from Winchester. To aid this, a combined Light Division weekend was held at Winchester in the summer, which allowed all Permanent Staff from both locations to understand what happens at their 2 respective locations. There were a number of presentations including subjects such as Phase 1 training, Phase 2 training, recruiting and the requirements of the Battalions themselves. The day was then rounded off by a visit to the town centre, which was enjoyed by all.

Many Light Division platoons are arriving at Catterick and being trained by non-Light Division training teams. To combat this, the mentor system has continually been expanded upon. Each Company has a Green Jacket NCO allocated to keep an eye on it, and to be a point of contact for the trainees, thus providing some Regimental input. Regimental Gatherings have continued for the trainees and are held quarterly with input and appearances from the RRT. These provide an opportunity for the Light Division trainees to get together in an informal situation and see what light exists at the end of the tunnel, as well as allowing the Permanent Staff to get together.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2000

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Sat 1 Jan	RGJ Regimental Birthday	
Wed 19 Jan	KRRC Association AGM	Davies St
Thu 17 Feb	43rd & 52nd Association AGM	Oxford
Thu 13 Apr	43rd & 52nd Officers Club Lunch	Oxford
Sat 29 Apr	KRRC Association Reunion	Davies St
Thu 11 May	RGJ Regimental Dinner	Davies St
Fri 12 May	RGJ Managing Trustees Meeting	Winchester
Sat 20 May	RB Association Reunion	Davies St
Tue 6 Jun	RB Club Dinner	Calvary & Guards Club
Wed 7 Jun	RB Club AGM	Davies St
Sun 11 Jun	Waterloo Band Concert	Oxford
Thu 22 Jun	Celer et Audax Ladies Lunch	Royal Hospital
Wed 14 Jun	RGJ Association Interim Meeting	Oxford
26/27 Jun	Light Division Sailing Regatta	Seaview, Isle of Wight
Sat 1 Jul	Mayor's Millennium Parade	Winchester
Sun 2 Jul	RGJ Freedom Parade	Milton Keynes
4-8 Jul	Green Jackets Week	St Cross
Fri 7 Jul	RGJ Offrs' Club – Cocktail Party (BBQ)	St Cross
Sat 8 Jul	1030 – GJ Club AGM	St Cross
	1130 – Cricket v IZ	St Cross
	1230 – Col Comdts Lunch	St Cross
	1400 – RGJ Association – Gates open	Sir John Moore Barracks
	1615 – Strawberry Tea	St Cross
	1830 – RGJ Assoc Sounding Retreat	Sir John Moore Barracks
Sun 9 Jul	1030 – RGJ Assoc Church Service	Sir John Moore Barracks
Sat 15 Jul	52nd WW2 Families Lunch	Sir John Moore Barracks
15-20 Jul	Royal Military Tattoo (RMT) 2000-01-II	Horse Guards Parade
Thu 20 Jul	1130 – Band Memorial Service	Regents Park
Tue 25 Jul	RGJ Regimental day	
Fri 21 Aug	RB Bicentenary	St Cross
Thu 5 Oct	43rd & 52nd Ladies Lunch	House of Lords
Thu 5 Oct	Celer et Audax Club Dinner	Calvary & Guards Club
Thu 26 Oct	52nd Officers' Lunch	Army & Navy Club
Sat 28 Oct	RB Association Dinner	Sir John Moore Barracks
Wed 1 Nov	RGJ Association Annual Meeting	Winchester
Mon 6 Nov	RGJ Offrs' and GJ Clubs Committees	Winchester
Thu 9 Nov	Field of Remembrance	Westminster Abbey
Sat 11 Nov	Regimental Reunion	Oxford
Sun 12 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	
Sat 25 Nov	RB Association Dinner	Union Jack Club

Further details can be obtained from RHQ (01962) 828524

New Regimental History Book



The Regimental Heritage Committee will produce a new book that captures the heritage of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) since its founding in 1914 to the year 2000. Financed by the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund, in partnership with the Canadian Millennium Partnership Program, the book will trace the history of the Regiment during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, NATO and peacekeeping operations.

"For the first time, the complete history of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will be documented," said the Honourable Herb Gray, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister responsible for the Government of Canada's millennium initiative. "This early, permanent unit has played a vital role in the military history of our nation. The Government of Canada is proud to support this project with a contribution of \$14,592 through the Canada Millennium Partnership Program."

This program funds up to one third of eligible project costs, while other organizations and the private sector provide the remaining two thirds.

The book will feature first hand accounts by veterans and serving members of the Regiment on past military operations. Over the past year, members of the PPCLI Association have conducted interviews from coast to coast of both former and serving members of the Regiment. Archival research and compilation of interview material is being carried out by members of both museum staff and Heritage Committee members in Calgary.

Authored by well known historian Dr. David Bercuson, head of the Department of Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary, the book is slated for publication in April 2001 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. The 2nd Battalion of the Regiment was awarded the United States Presidential Citation for this battle. To date this is the only Canadian Army Unit to be so honoured. The book will document the contribution of Patricias in service to their country in war and peace and will serve as a resource to members of the Canadian military and students of military history.

The as yet untitled single volume is expected to retail in the \$35.00 to \$40.00 range and will be available in the Regimental Kit Shop and through bookstores nationwide.

Ex PATRICIA SUMMIT

85TH ANNIVERSARY ASCENT

MT LOGAN

There are as many reasons for climbing a mountain, as there are climbers. In the case of "Exercise PATRICIA SUMMIT", a PPCLI initiative to scale Mt Logan, Canada's highest peak, our reason was simple. As part of the Regiment's 85th Anniversary celebrations we wanted a member of the Regiment to stand on the top of Canada in honour of those who had served before us.

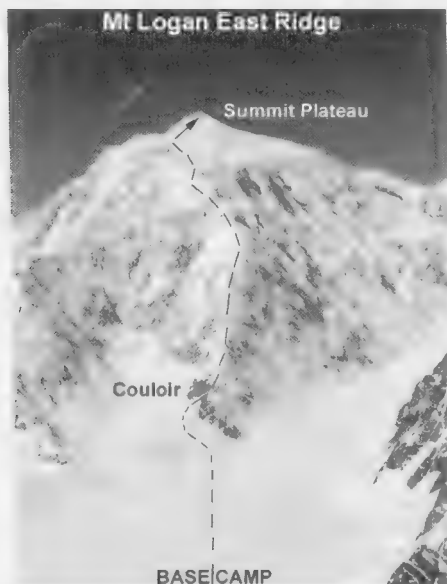
The expedition was broken down into two separate teams. This was based on a plan to attack the mountain on two fronts, thereby increasing our chances of success. WO Greg Forsyth would lead a team up the King's Trench route, while at the same time Capt Wade Englesby would

lead a team on the classic East Ridge Route. A medical team from the US Army of Environmental Research Institute would accompany the King's Trench Team and a medic from the Calgary Highlanders would join the East Ridge team. Based on historical data, it was anticipated that each route would take about 21 days to complete.

East Ridge - Capt Englesby

It was 0230 hours, 21 June 1999. Outside of our tent, presently situated at 5200m on Mt Logan's summit plateau, there was a clear sky, the wind had ceased and it

was the beginning of a cold day. The realization that it was time to wake-up and struggle out of the sleeping bag was slowly beginning to take hold. As expected, not one of us had slept very well. Headaches had contributed to the lack of sleep but the principle factor was that four of us had crammed ourselves into a two-man tent in order to lighten the team's load and save



precious energy. As each of us began to stir, I repressed the urge to utter the obvious complaint that getting dressed was going to suck. Instead, a simple grunt sufficed and as I sat up, I found myself staring directly at the communal relief bottle (almost full) hanging tenuously above my sleeping bag. Thankfully, its' scent was overwhelmed by the familiar aroma of damp vapor barrier and poly-pro socks. Across from me, I could see that both WO Toni Meier and Capt Matt Barlee (an Air Navigator from Esquimalt who joined us last minute) were also stirring, and beside me Sgt Fabio Lacentra (our team medic) had already found his toque and was preparing to exit his bag.

Dug in next door to us, approximately six feet away, were the three other members of the East Ridge climbing team. Sgts Pat Viljanen, Bob Timmer and Bill Wilson were from the US Army National Guard Mountain Warfare Center in Vermont. It was apparent that they had also begun the morning's tedious chores. Since meeting the three of them in May, Bill, because of his good nature, had always been the target of many a morning jibe. This morning was proving to be no exception.



Starting Summit Day. Leaving high camp at 5200m with the East Summit in the background.

By 0400 hours we had broken camp and had begun our march across the desolate, wind-swept plateau towards Mt Logan's East Summit.

The Americans had volunteered to take the first lead and we had given them a head start of five minutes. The difficult climbing was now over. The only thing

that stood between us and our goal was the 1.2 km trudge across the plateau through drifts of thigh deep snow and then the subsequent one km scramble on a broad ridge of ice, snow and rock to the summit. The total elevation gain would be just over 700 metres. Hopefully, if the weather held and there were no unforeseen obstacles we planned to summit and return to our high camp by no later than 1800 hours.

Travelling west, it took us just shy of four hours to reach the base of a broad ridge that stretched Northwest up to the summit. Overall, our movement to the base had been quick and easy. Not easy in the physical sense (quite the opposite in fact) but mentally. Our slug forward through the

snow had been just that, a slug; the simple repetition of one foot in front of the other. It had not required the same level of concentration and focus as had the sharp ridge below us and for this I was grateful. Instead we had the opportunity to marvel at the spectacular scenery and watch patiently as Matt fussed with his camera periodically. The temperature was hovering around minus 20 Celsius. As I trudged past Pat to gain the base he commented that he was wearing every stitch of clothing he carried but was still cold. This was one of the effects of climbing at high altitude. Your blood, carrying oxygen to the extremities, begins to dwindle as your body tells itself to divert more oxygen to the vital organs in its' core. Hence, its harder to keep your hands and feet warm and the threat of frostbite is increased.

The final ridge provided little challenge in terms of technical work. As we continued to push upwards however, it became a lot more difficult to

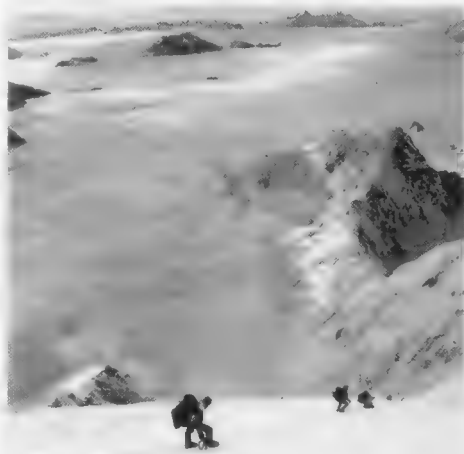
Summit Day East Ridge Team- WO Meier, Sgt Lacentra, Capt Barlee
Sgt Timmer, Sgt Wilson, Sgt Viljanen, Capt Englesby



maintain any sort of momentum. Everyone was exhausted and we had been forced to increase the frequency of our rest stops. Just shy of the summit, the wind commenced and a blanket of clouds began to settle around us. I stopped for a moment to once again admire the stunning scenery of Canada's St Elias mountain range and the distant Pacific Ocean as it slowly disappeared into the surrounding mist. "So much for a clear summit day" I thought. At 12:21 hours, amidst howling wind and blowing snow, all seven of us were standing together on the mountain's sum-

On the Summit plateau, descending to the high camp exhausted from the summit ascent 21/06/99





Starting the descent from the Summit Plateau 22/06/99

back on the plateau at 1637 hours. The round trip from camp to the summit had taken us a total of 12 hours. The majority of that time had been spent plowing through snowdrifts on the plateau. As a team, we were then faced with an important decision. Do we pack up and continue our descent, or do we try and get some rest? Considering our condition, I wanted to sit tight

and rest for a few hours. Not everyone agreed with my suggestion however, and the idea had to be debated. There were several good reasons for going immediately. Our most recent forecast said that a large unstable low-pressure system was sitting just off of the Pacific coast. It also indicated that the system would hit us within the next 24-36 hours. We had gambled that we could make the summit and get off the plateau

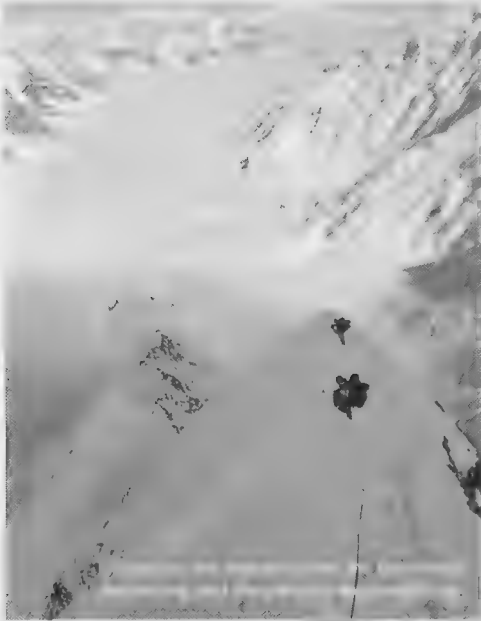
by then. The weather however, had been deteriorating since noon and the storm was probably going to arrive sooner than expected. Therefore, it would be wiser to get off the open plateau before being stranded indefinitely in a cramped tent and with only 5-6 days of food and fuel left (if rationed carefully). My argument to stay was based on historical facts. History had proven that a far greater number of climbers are injured or killed while descending a mountain. This is because climbers, like everyone else, tend to make more mistakes when they are tired, cranky and worst of all, impatient. If the storm was going to hit in a few hours, I reasoned that we would

mit. Oblivious to the conditions and drunk on euphoria, we shared our moment of triumph on the roof of Canada with spirited shouts of pride and great grins of pure satisfaction. This was the climax of a 14-day ascent and we took the time to relish it knowing full well that the hardest part of the climb may just be about to begin. Twenty minutes later, after the shouting was over and the obligatory photographs had been taken, we reluctantly started the descent through the clouds and out of the wind.

We reached our high camp



Capt. Wade Eaglesby traversing a knife edged ridge
on 22/06/99



be in a far better position to deal with it if we remained in our present camp. Given our present physical condition, why risk getting caught in a storm and being forced to dig a new camp or snow cave elsewhere. A compromise was reached and we all agreed to stay and rest until at least 2200 hours. If the weather held or improved we would make a run for the lower ridge, if it didn't we would prepare ourselves for a long wait. At 2200 hours, there was no requirement to look outside and observe the weather. The only decision to be made was who had to get dressed in order to dig out

the tent. The waiting game had begun. "What a scam this was turning out to be!" We were all more than a little surprised when at 0500 hours on the 22 June we awoke to clear skies and calm winds. Not ones to overlook a stroke of good fortune we were on our way in less than an hour. The next 36 hours were a blur. We only stopped to recover caches of food and fuel, pick up garbage and eat. In total we had to clear five camps, not including the high camp on the plateau and our base camp on the glacier. All the camps had large

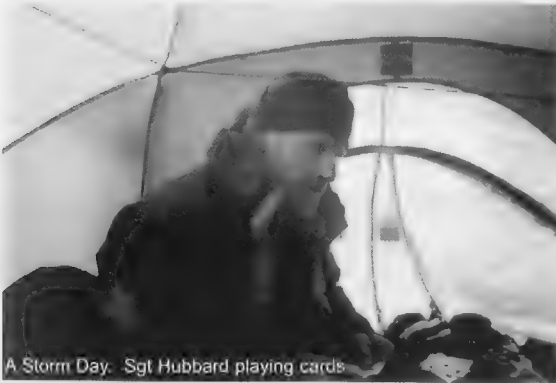


SFC Wilson descending exposed ridge to Camp 2

caches so by the time we reached our last camp, each of us resembled a vagabond. Our rucksacks were enormous and laden with pickets, ropes, fuel containers and bags of burnt garbage. The most difficult portion of our descent proved to be from the top of the coulior that we had used to climb up and gain the ridge to the large bergschrund at the base of the glacier. The majority of the snow in the coulior was crap, almost isothermic and in danger of avalanching. In order to get to our rappel point everyone was forced to belly crawl over the last 50m patch of snow. Four hours later we were all relieved to be standing at the base of the coulior safely out of range of falling rock and anxiously preparing our skis and toboggans for the last push to base camp. Shortly thereafter, at 1700 hours on the 23rd of June we were all sitting comfortably at our base camp thankful for bigger tents, clean underwear and incoming choppers.

The King's Trench - By WO Greg Forsyth

Over on the King's Trench day 11 of climbing finally sees the team over Prospector Col, arriving in Camp 4 after being pinned in Camp 3 for 2



A Storm Day: Sgt Hubbard playing cards

days by a storm.

Luck being what it is and with Mr. Murphy on the same rope team we are immediately hit by another storm, this time exposed to even higher winds. Despite the weather, the morale is high.

Everyone is looking forward to a long day and a shot at the

summit tomorrow.

Camp 4 lies on the large summit plateau of Mount Logan. A good clear day is necessary to make a summit attempt, it would be too easy to get lost in a white out in such a vast featureless area. Hopes are high as we crawl into our sleeping bags for the night. We awake in the semi darkness of the arctic summer night. What is the problem? Why are we feeling so claustrophobic? Mr. Murphy strikes again! The wind has changed direction slightly and snow has begun to drift into the tent site over the snow walls and has begun to pile against the tent, collapsing the walls in on the occupants. This begins a ritual that will continue for the next two and a half days. Every couple of hours, day and night, someone has to get dressed and go out to shovel off the tents so that they do not collapse and poles are not bent or broken. This could be disastrous and mean a hasty retreat down.



Mt Logan Summit Day King Trench Team
Sgt Muelberger, MCpl Sapera, WO Forsyth, Cpl Salesse (Photo by Sgt Hubbard)

Morale is sagging, tent back is at an all time high, books are making the rounds faster than formula one race cars. Fortunately, Sgt Dave Hubbard and MCpl Tracy Sapera had the foresight to bring a deck of cards and a cribbage board and sanity is maintained by games of Euchre and Cribbage. Discussion revolves around summit hopes and the weather. It is decided that with the first reasonable break in the weather we will go for the summit regardless of the time. There is enough light to climb at 0200hrs. It's 1000 hrs, 20 June 1999, and a peek out the tent door reveals very cold and windy weather but clear bright skies. A quick O group is called and it is decided that we will brew up, prepare and leave at 1230hrs. Skis on, packs on, ready to go. We all stare longingly at the summit, which looks remarkably close. A few hours of skiing and the summit seemingly getting no closer quickly sorts out the misconception that we will tag the top and be back in the tent in just a few hours. We are in for a bit of a haul. Members of the team take their turn in the lead, breaking trail as we plough through the two feet of new snow that has fallen during the recent storm. The trail breaking is tiring, everyone is short of breath because of the effort



at 18 000ft. The wind is bitter and incessant but we are making progress. Soon the slope becomes too steep and icy and we must cache our skis. We traverse out onto the face of the summit pyramid and shoot directly up towards the summit ridge. Cpl Mark Salesse leads the team up through a tricky section on the ridge; the snow is not very good. Fatigue fades as we begin to taste the excitement of the approaching, summit and finally at 2030hrs we find ourselves standing on top. Congratulations are offered all around. The views are spectacular. The sky is a deep blue and the sun is dropping on the horizon, some wispy clouds fill the valleys far below as we gaze at the panorama of the most majestic peaks that the St Elias range has to offer. Our journey is only half over, now the descent.

The descent is a critical time when the climber really feels the fatigue as the euphoria of the summit wears off. Ours is thankfully uneventful. We arrive back at Camp 4 at 0130hrs and after a quick brew we collapse into our tents extremely cold and very tired. The next day dawns clear and very cold and windy, we break camp and make a dash for Camp 2 with warmer temps and lower altitudes. Some teams can make the trip back to base in a day but with the skiing follies of WO Greg Forsyth and Sgt Werner (Muelly) Muehlberger, it will certainly take us two. We are finally able to re-establish communications with the base camp team Capt Tod Strickland, Pte Peter Herringer and the medical team of Maj Larry Sona and Sgt Jamie Moulton. One more day takes us back to base camp and to our pleasant surprise, a couple of cold beers that some Alaskan friends of the base camp team left for us. Our trip is a success, not only in a personal sense for those who participated, but also in the sense that we were able to fly the regimental



Expedition Team reunited at Silver City after being picked up by 408 Sqn
 Back (L-R) Maj Sonna, Capt Barlee, MCpl Sapera, Pte Herringer, Capt Engelsby, Sgt Muelberger, Sgt Silva, Capt Strickland, Sgt Moulton. Front (L-R) Sgt Timmer, WO Forsyth, Cpl Salesse, Sgt Viljanen, Sgt Wilson, WO Meier, Sgt Hubbard, Sgt Lacentra.

flag on top of Canada in the year of our 85th anniversary. In this way, we, as military mountaineers, were able to honour all Patricia's who have served before us, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

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Patricia Parachutes at the Second Military World Games



Left to Right - MCpl Kevin Karambowich (2 PPCLI) along with team mate WO Michel Denis (3 R22eR)

After a hiatus of twenty some years, the Canadian Forces once again were active participants and competitors at the Conseil International Sports Militaire (CIUSM), which were recently hosted by the Croatian Armed Forces in Zagreb, Croatia between 8-18 August 99.

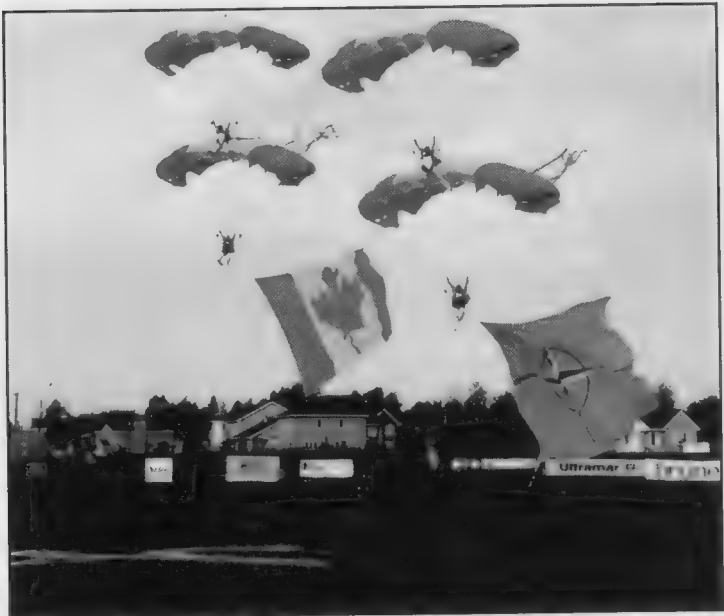
Returning to the team for the second time in three years was MCpl Kevin Karambowich, 2 PPCLI. An accomplished sports and military freefall parachutist, he first served as the air to air videoman with the 1996 team at Cerkle ob Krkl, Slovenia. This year his expertise as a formation freefaller was put to good use as a member of the Four way team.

The interaction between military athletes at these Military World games is legendary. Participating were jumpers from 38 countries, who were united largely by virtue of Airborne experience. Many friendships were made and contacts for future games established. The team competed well, going all four rounds and incurring an average of 13 points each round. The winning Belgiques turned an average of 21 points. Overall the team finished a very credible 12th out of 38 teams.

A message inviting all to try out for the team will be issued several months prior to the next competition, tentatively scheduled for Slovakia in 2000, so all you Patricia's come on and try out.



MCpl Kevin Karambowich (2 PPCLI) upper left man



Two biplane formation on final approach DZ St Jean Chysostome, QC.



First Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

1999 - The Year In Review

1999 was a year full of challenges and successes for the First Battalion. All in all it was a busy year for the Battalion as we participated in numerous activities that ranged from company level winter warfare training, the conduct of a PCF course cycle, two Battalion directed exercises, the organization of the first Regimental Leadership symposium, the set up and conduct of Exercise Total Ram 99, to the set up and conduct of a very successful 85th Anniversary and finally a short notice deployment to the province of Kosovo in support of NATO operations

WINTER WARFARE TRAINING - January/February 99

After some well deserved Christmas leave, the unit returned to work in early January and set about the task of finalizing the administrative arrangements associated with the conduct of a series of week long company winter warfare exercises. These saw the various companies deploying to Wainwright, Hinton, CFB Cold Lake and CFS Dundurn. Each sub-unit conducted training designed to refresh basic winter warfare skills and to develop and train the various sub-units within each of the their organizations. Rifle companies and Combat Support Company concentrated their efforts at developing basic winter warfare skills, patrolling and survival training. Administration Company's, because of its requirement to support the unit training, was not able to deploy as a complete group. As a result, they deployed to CFB Cold Lake in two separate groups; where, because of temperature extremes, they were forced to conduct two distinctly different weeks of training. The first group experienced unusually mild weather and, as a result, they enjoyed the luxuries associated with this unseasonably warm and mild weather. Unfortunately for the second group, this unseasonable weather didn't last and they were forced to endure the normal frigid temperatures associated with Cold Lake (now we know where the name came from). By the end of the January, all training had been successfully completed and everyone returned to Garrison Edmonton to prepare for the annual Brigade sports competition

EX STRONG CONTENDER

The Brigade units gathered in Edmonton during the last part of January and early February for Ex Strong Contender, the 1 CMBG Annual Sports Competition. As usual, the round robin competition was a spirited and intense affair, which saw excellent games being played in all four sports. Fortunately, the battalion did extremely well in the round robin portion of the competition and managed to place all its teams into the semi-finals. While the hockey team was defeated in the semi-finals, all other teams succeeded in getting through this initial playoff round and the unit was well represented in the finals. Unfortunately, none of the teams were victorious, although they did put up a strong challenge to the ultimate winners in each of the sports. Despite not winning any of the individual sports, the unit's overall excellent performance resulted in the First Battalion finishing in a tie for second for the overall aggregate trophy.



MWO Smith (CSM Admin Coy) leads the charge during Broom-a-loo.



Admin Coy does its best to defend their net during Broom-a-loo.



Padre Korzeniowski (what's with the devilish grin).



Cpl Tataryn poses prior to bulking up in Kosovo



Tpt PI represents Admin Coy during the Tent Group race.

PCF COURSE 9901

No sooner had Ex Strong Contender finished, than the Battalion launched into a series of PCF Courses designed to support the planned unit deployment to Op Palladium in February 00 and the initial receipt of LAV 3 starting in March 00. The courses consisted of the normal schedule of driver's courses including a number of airbrake courses, an intense concentration of basic Eryx gunner courses that would enable the unit to live fire the Eryx, in a tactical setting during Ex Patricia Thunder 99, and a communicator's course.

EX POLAR STRIKE - 15 to 25 March 99



Pte Wilton and Pte St. Laurent B Coy await the enemy

After celebrating a rather robust Regimental Day, where the officers once again were the proud winners of the Horse's rear (although it was a closely contested match), the unit deployed to Wainwright for Ex Polar Strike. The exercise was designed to produce a fast paced challenge for each of the sub-units and involved each platoon participating in both defensive and offensive operations. Activities included a platoon night ambush range, a platoon Anti tank ambush range using Eryx missiles, a reserve demolition guard, a platoon defensive live fire and a live platoon trench clearance range. Throughout, the exercise maintained a fast tempo and provided both a mental and physical challenge for all participants



CADET LEADERSHIP WEEKEND - 09 -11 APRIL 99

Prior to deploying to Wainwright for Exercise Prairie Stallion, several members of the unit took the opportunity to host several of the Regimental sponsored Cadet Corps. Over 100 Army Cadets from Fernie British Columbia, Estevan Saskatchewan, Calgary and Edmonton came to Garrison Edmonton for a Regimental Cadet Leadership Weekend. The weekend consisted of several static displays, vehicle rides, a helicopter familiarization provided by 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, the obstacle course and an introduction to the always popular mock tower. For many, this was their first opportunity to actually spend time with the members of the Regiment, and each and every cadet went home with many positive memories and a special insight into the distinguished history of the Regiment.

EX PRAIRIE STALLION 99 - 19 April to 04 May

The unit re-deployed to Wainwright on 19 April 99 and immediately started a period of sub-unit training and range preparation. This was followed by a period that had each company going through a day on the live fire platoon attack range and two days of working out SOPs/Drills with both B and C Squadrons of the LdSH (RC). Once this initial phase of the exercise was complete, the companies received orders for their participation in the Combat Team Live Fire range. This consisted of a minefield breach, a breaching operation over an Anti-tank ditch and two live combat team attacks. Each company was afforded the opportunity of participating in the trace twice (once with each squadron) and many valuable lessons were learned. Following a day of Battle Procedure and some much needed maintenance, the Battle Group launched off on a two day Battle Group Dry exercise which culminated in a bridging operation across the "foggy" Ribstone and a hasty Battle Group Attack into Area L. Having the Sniper Section deployed well forward proved extremely valuable, as they were able to provide some excellent intelligence into the layout of the enemy defences, while at the same time "taking out" several key targets. After providing support to the LdSH (RC) for the conduct of their Battle Group exercise, the unit re-deployed to Edmonton and finalized the preparations for Ex Total Ram.

Ex TOTAL RAM - 13 TO 24 May 99

With the majority of our "A" vehicles still in Wainwright, the unit's deployment for this exercise was relatively easy. After the arrival of the main bodies and a quick check of all vehicles and equipment, the companies quickly deployed to tactical hides and started the Battle Procedure for the preparation and occupation of the main defensive position. Once completed, the unit was subjected to a series of Brigade attacks, all of which were easily repulsed by the use of well-coordinated fires from every element of the Battle Group. Following our participation in Brigade attacks on the Second Battalion's defensive position, the unit re-occupied its defensive positions and partici-

pated as the first brigade unit to go through the live fire portion of the exercise. This included the use of Armour, Artillery, Engineer, Air Defence, Attack Helicopters and Fast Air assets, all of which were carefully orchestrated into an effective deterrent to the enemy's aggression.

Following both a day and night engagement, the unit executed a relief in place with 2 PPCLI and withdrew to prepare for the final phase of the exercise. During this final portion of the exercise, 1 PPCLI provided the Battle Group command structure for the Reserve Battle Group, which consisted of four rifle companies formed from the various Reserve Brigades in Western Canada. The reserve's portion of the exercise consisted of a live fire daylight defensive battle which repulsed the enemy's main thrust. Once the enemy advance had been successfully halted, the Reserve Battle Group withdrew out of its defensive positions and conducted a series of Battle Group airmobile operations to secure crossings, for the remainder of the Brigade, across the Battle River. With the Brigade successfully across the river, the Reserve Battle Group launched a second airmobile mission to capture the final enemy objectives in the areas of Hart Hill and Badger Hill. With the enemy destroyed, the reserve forces started their return journey to their parent units, while the battalion completed the lengthy process of range clean up and its return to Edmonton.



*Sniper Section getting ready for a mission (left to right)
MCpl King, MCpl Nowotczynski, MCpl Klick, Cpl Coallier and Sgt Ives.*

OP KINETIC (Plus)



Elements of Pnr PI with CSM B Coy celebrate the raising of the Camp Mullin sign

On of the many projects taken on by Pnr PI (Front Cpl Stu Monette Back Cpl Tataryn, Cpl Charetter, Sgt Davey



Shortly after our return from Wainwright, and in the middle of the final preparations for the 85th Anniversary Celebrations, the unit received notification that it was being ordered to Kosovo in support of NATO Operations. Battle procedure began and the unit returned to Wainwright for four days to complete the necessary training objectives and weapons familiarization that had not been conducted during previous training. A Coy was dispatched over the period 30 Jun to 05 July 1999 and after a short work up period in Macedonia, they moved into Kosovo and assumed responsibility, from the Royal Gurkha Rifles, for the entire sector that would ultimately become the Battle Group Area of Operations. They established their Headquarters in the town of Glogovac and quickly earned the respect of



Pnr PI admires their work at the completion of the Glanica Bridge



*Capt Fredrickson and WO Sauve with the Col in Chief
at the Mortar Section House in Komoranee*

the local community for their hard work, determination, professionalism and fairness.

The remainder of the unit deployed about one month after A Coy and upon picking up its vehicles in Greece, and a short training confirmation period in Macedonia, the Main Body conducted a lengthy road move into Kosovo. With the leaders having already completed their detailed reces, the individual sub-units quickly moved into their permanent locations and began the process of establishing themselves within their respective communities and areas of responsibilities. The Battle Group was complete in Kosovo by 15 August and assumed control of its area of responsibility on 16 August.

Over the next few months, the Battle Group worked long and hard through the hot summer months, the rainy fall, and the cool early portion of winter to ensure the provision of a secure and stable environment for the local population within the sector. Specific activities included an aggressive patrol program to ensure our presence throughout the entire mission area, selected raids on illegal police stations and assembly areas, the conduct of numerous vehicle checkpoints and the distribution of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of humanitarian aid. While everyone in the Battle Group made a significant contribution to the overall success of the mission, specific mention must be made of the efforts of both 3 Troop from 1



Pnr PI being supervised by a group of locals



*Pte Cambers and Cpl Carney do some much needed maintenanc on 19's
AVGP*



Pte Brian Rehill stands guard at the entrance to Camp Mullin.



WO Art Chase displays his own unique form of negotiation technique.



Sgt Dave Pusch leads the attack during the Pristina World Cup Rugby



Pnr PI builds a playground for the local children of Magura



RSM McArdle and WO Chase outside B Coy HQ in Magura.



Cpl Charette (B Coy) explains "Bulldog North" to the Col in Chief.



Maj Stu Sharpe (OC A Coy) briefs the Col in Chief

Canadian Combat Engineer Regiment and the Pioneer Platoon. Working under adverse conditions, and often with only limited materials, these two organizations worked diligently to improve the overall situation within the Drenica Valley.

However it was not all work for the Battle Group. Throughout the tour, the unit had the opportunity to host numerous VIPs. Included in this group were the Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Chief of The Defence Staff, the Associate Minister of Defence, The Chief of the Air Staff and the Governor General of Canada. Of particular significance were the visits of the Colonel in Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment. For Lady Patricia, it was especially rewarding, as she maintained the unique honour of having visited her Patricia's in every operational theatre that they had been deployed to. While no medals were available for her to present, she did take the opportunity to visit with every element of the Battle Group and promote several individuals. In addition, 1 PPCLI had the opportunity to renew its affiliation with the Allied Regiment, as the Second Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets was serving in Pristina. Besides a few social gatherings, A Coy also conducted a week long section exchange which proved both valuable and professionally rewarding.

During the tour, members of the Battle Group were fortunate to be



MCpl Cecil Parris entertains some of the local children of Glogovac during one of the many patrols



LCol S. Brennan (CO 1 PPCLI) and LCol N Carter (CO 2 RGD) pose with Recce Pl Coyote

offered the opportunity to travel to Monte Casino as part of a co-sponsored visit by the Department of Veteran's Affairs and the Directorate of History and Heritage. While it was only a short visit, Capt George Boyuk (Pioneer Platoon Commander) and the remainder of the Patricia soldiers enjoyed the life time opportunity to visit with and talk to some of the veterans who distinguished themselves during this battle.

As the month of November came to a close, the unit became actively engaged in the final preparations for the arrival of the 1 RCR Battle Group, and all ranks were looking forward to their return to Canada. Not to depart from Regimental customs and traditions, the unit conducted its annual Men's Christmas Dinner while deployed in Kosovo. This year, due to operational reasons, the unit was forced to conduct several dinners in order to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to have a Turkey dinner. Although facilities were somewhat sparse, the Kitchen staff did its normal excellent job and everyone was able to enjoy a traditional Christmas meal. The rotation was complete by 20 December, and after their safe return, all ranks of the Battle Group departed for some richly deserved leave with their families over the Christmas season. All ranks of 1 PPCLI wish everyone continued prosperity in the new millennium, and success to both 3 PPCLI and 2 PPCLI in their upcoming deployments to Bosnia



Members of the RRB Detachment pose atop Mt Goles. From Left to Right Cpl Toth, Pte Rousseau, Pte Baxter, MCpl Good.

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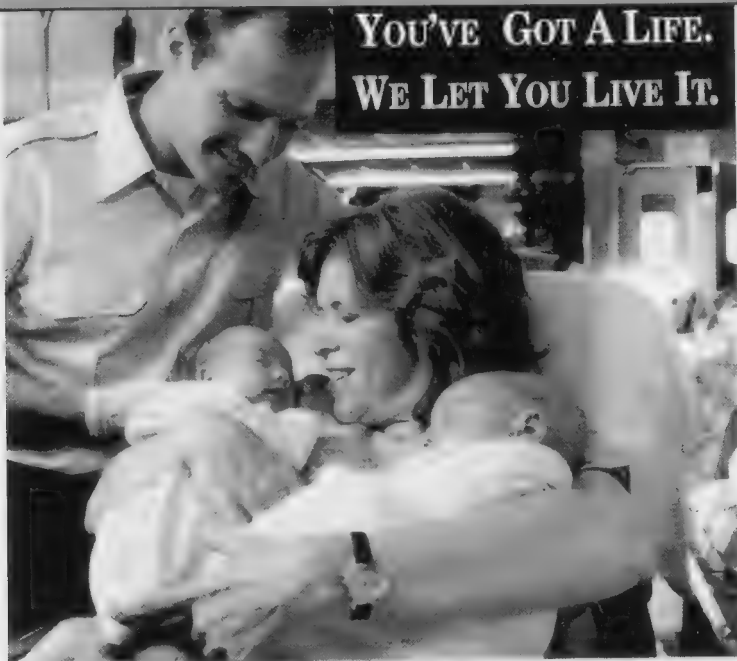
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Second Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

1999 YEAR IN REVIEW

Bugs summed up 1999 for the Second Battalion: bugs in California; bugs in Shilo; bugs in Wainwright; bugs in Hinton; bugs in Winnipeg; bugs in Gagetown; bugs in Edmonton; bugs in Sierra Leone and the biggest bug of all, (noted by its distinct absence), the dreaded Y2K bug. As always, the Battalion was called upon to scatter its soldiers to the four winds for training, for operations, and for taskings. The year started out with that infamous competition EX STRONG CONTENDER. Absent from this exercise was B Company. Its OC, Maj Bruce AKA "the big show", decided that fighting freezing temperatures in the desert against an American armoured force would be more fun than playing sports. Deploying early after leave, (18 January – 4 February), to the US Army National Training Centre in Fort Irwin CA, B Company as part of the OPFOR sent many Americans home licking their wounds and anticipating poor PERs. American revenge was exacted upon the unsuspecting company when the casinos of Las Vegas sent our soldiers home with significantly lighter wallets.



The Drumline of 2 PPCLI
led by Drum Major Williston



Capt Tyrone Green with the 2nd Battalion Colour



The Colours of the three Battalions of the Regiment



The TOW Sect down at NTC Left to Right
(Back) Cpl Grossinger, Cpl Porteous, Sgt Willcot, Cpl Launen, Cpl Dewind (Front) MCpl Parrell, Cpl Moran, Cpl Patterson, Cpl Dorion



The Governor General inspecting the Guard with Maj Kenneally



Sgt Askland about to take out the enemy Ex AUTUMN PATRICIA



EX STRONG CONTENDER

Meanwhile, on EX STRONG CONTENDER, the remainder of the unit fielded teams as per normal, bussed to Edmonton as per normal and attempted to finish first as per normal. This year our Ball Hockey team finished fourth; our Broomball team finished third; our Hockey team finished second; and our Volleyball team finished first. Well done to all of the players, and all teams have vowed to do even better next year.

TRAINING IN SHILO

After Edmonton, the companies once again began that age-old tradition of training in Shilo in preparation of a unit and brigade exercise. A Company deployed from 24 February to 3 March to conduct dismounted advance to contact and live fire ranges, enjoying greatly the frigid environment of Shilo. C Company, in February, saw changes in its leadership, our company HQ now had two Eds, Maj Ed Haverstock and CSM Ed Larabie – two Eds are better than one, (blame WO Waugh for that joke). C Company summed up their company exercise as follows: "WO Gingell served up a tray of food, poisoning a third of 7 Platoon during the winter exercise in Shilo. The rest of us unlucky/lucky ones, (depending on your point of view), got to lay in a winter ambush for an uncooperative enemy that never appeared – lost but making good time. Other than these two events, winter exercise was the same as every other winter exercise." B and Combat Support Companies continued to train and once again become winter warriors. Administration Company continued to support throughout and once again conducted the dreaded Annual Technical Inspection with preparations in January and the inspection in February, (the DCO's Ittis will pass this year – honest). Thus the Battalion completed EX NORDIC PATRICIA, though some could argue that winter warfare in Winnipeg is actually winter survival.

Regimental Day came and went, however it appears the results of Broom-i-loo have been lost. Anyone who may have details on how the Officer/Senior NCO game ended, please contact the DCO of Second Battalion. The day was highlighted by a convincing victory by Administration Company in the chain of command race. During this same time period our Maintainers traveled to Borden where they won the hearts of the crowd in their first EME branch hockey tournament and finished second after losing out in the finals. (Not too bad for a platoon against a base.) The spring saw the unit preparing for EX PATRICIA STORM.

During the period 21 April to 2 May, the bugs of Shilo attacked early whilst the unit fired all support weapons and conducted live fire ranges from pairs to combat team. The bugs were beaten. The unseason-



able high temperatures allowed A Company, commanded by Maj Wilson, to kill numerous figure 11 targets. B Company considered the highlight of its spring exercise to be the company infiltration, link-up and raid followed by a Regimental toast on the objective. C Company enjoyed the force on force patrolling with MILES gear and felt that the "patrolling went well when all was said and done." Combat Support Company started to prepare for the first shake out of the C/S 5 concept. In the interim, Mortar Platoon assisted the Guns with the BC's fire planning course in – you guessed it – Shilo. MCpl "nice one FOO" Shepard was in fine form adjusting targets and subsequently informing everyone, who was unaware, just how good mortars are in relation to the Artillery. Good thing he did not rub the Gunners the wrong way..... Administration Company once again occupied their "home away from home" in Shilo, proving once again that recces of hideş are no longer necessary, right?

EX TOTAL RAM

The Second Battalion began EX TOTAL RAM in Wainwright 8 – 22 May. A Company again fired all of their support weapons, conducted combat team attacks, a deliberate defense, a relief in place and a Battle Group live fire defense. The defensive phase came as a package deal with low temperatures and snow. B Company did all of the same, but said it rained. C Company traded all of this in for a summer filled with annoying little pests, (read Officer Cadets), and mosquitoes. C Company enjoyed their stay in Gagetown however the experience cemented the fact that being a Patricia is definitely better than being a Royal: Gagetown vs Winnipeg – no contest. Combat Support Company deployed the much vaunted C/S 5, now Capt Beyer knows why he is the Training Officer for another year. EX TOTAL RAM was highlighted by the flat-bedding of carriers around the training area. (Come on, you know it is like supplies, if you drive them they will just break and we won't have any more.) Also highlighted was Recce Platoon's excellent coordination between Sniper dets and Surveillance crews in locating, tracking and the ultimate destruction of the 3 PPCLI Para Company. Sgt Pologato, MCpl McMeekin and Cpl Shaver deserve the credit for this operation. Anti-Armour Platoon under WO Trenholm proved to be an instrumental part of the 2 PPCLI Battle Group defensive position as well. Administration Company, though homesick for Shilo, persevered and supported the unit once again in "service second to none".

EX PATRICIA OVERLANDER

The next exercise was adventure training in Hinton AB, run by A Company, paid for by everyone. (No, 30k does not mean 30 now and another 30 later!) EX PATRICIA OVERLANDER was a success at twice the price. Select soldiers of the Second Battalion canoed the Athabasca River, traveled glaciers, cave spelunked and achieved the basic mountain



Ex PATRICIA OVERLANDER Pte Martin on top of the World



Ex PATRICIA OVERLANDER Pte Schulz repacking his kit

operations qualification. The remainder of the Battalion had the pleasure of participating in the 85th Anniversary, (for the other battalions, our drill hall is always available for TD, but bring your own cots.) Once again the silent drill team from Mortar platoon, commanded by Sgt Muise, wowed the crowd. Our 2 PPCLI Drumline, was magnificent as always.

OP MANDOLIN

Then came OP MANDOLIN, the 1999 Pan American Games. Administration company lost the QM, Capt Gibson, the ETQMS, MWO Comeau, to the posting cycle, CSM White became the new QMSI and CSM Stapleford came back from Wainwright. Numerous tasks were handed out, Maj Keneally ran the Games Operations Centre for the civilians, Capt Levesque and WO Belisle got to see radios, while the most sought after jobs were driving the vans for the beach volleyball and synchronized swimming teams.



One of the perks of working for the PAN AM Games



Sgt Seggie about to take his balls and go home.

EX AUTUMN RAM

September – Shilo, EX AUTUMN RAM and the Second Battalion was live firing again at Battle Group level. Grenades were even being thrown. Joining the Battalion was a company from 10th Mountain Division, who received quite a surprise when the dismounted battle school was changed to mechanized operations

C Company missed the swamps of Gagetown so much, they trekked through the ones of Shilo, of course after a 25km rucksack march. Combat Support Company ran the Combat Team attack range, with WO Greeley and his crew rallying to the cry “launch the fire brigade”. We would be remiss in not mentioning our Kiwi crew, specifically Capt David Thorson of New Zealand, who bedded in to Mortar Platoon for the duration.

Administration Company marked the exercise by deploying an A1 and A2 echelon during Battle Group training, including the live fire portion. Old re-supply lessons were again relearned, though our new KO, WO Leblanc needed no training. Upon return to Winnipeg the Second Battalion received and a tasking from Government House in Ottawa, send a guard of 50, plus colours, move in 36 hours. Second Battalion did. From end-October onwards, the period can be summarized as hectic. PCFs were in full swing, professional and individual training flourished. French Grey Cup was won, with B Company defeating Combat Support. Administration Company's “toothy handsomeness” of Cpl “Wilma” Mathieu won the “Queen of the Cup” on the Flintstone Mobile.



Sgt Gilks does deploy to the field. Ex AUTUMN RAM 99



CBT TM live fire in Shilo



Lt "One Eye" Pendergast trialing the new thermal eye patch.
Ex AUTUMN RAM 99



"One large Canadian bacon and one large supreme and lots of coke".
MWO Larabie needs a little snack. Pte Jones might get the bones



What "Motley Crue" does when they're not on tour.
L-R Pte Barrett, MCpl Gagnon, Sgt Frampton, MCpl Olson, Sgt Friesen
and Sgt Sterritt. 9PL C Coy Ex AUTUMN RAM 99



"Two Eds are better than one"
Maj Ed Haverstock and MWO Ed Larabie



The OC C Coy, Maj Ed Haverstock tries out his stand up routine on
Coy HQ Ex AUTUMN RAM 99



Welcome to BN Padre. Now you know why Padre Marriman wanted
to leave no kiss required!



Can you believe this is the 26 Nov 99 in Winnipeg where is the snow? Pte Alden showing the kind of form that won B Coy the French Grey Cup

Two of our own, Capt Turner and Capt Lane, deployed to Sierra Leone as part of the first five UN observers. Once again Second Battalion soldiers led the way, good luck to them, safe tour. Maj Wilson deployed to Bosnia once again, this time as part of the NATO HQ.

Finally the silly season was upon us in December, with a twist, Y2K preparations were paramount and the Second Battalion was earmarked as the Vanguard and IRU from November 1999 until 21 January 2000. OPERATION ABACUS was in full swing, though nothing happened, and as always, the unit was ready. Also in December, OPERATION HIGH HOPES was launched by MCpl Collins and Cpl Pirolla who endured the elements and the heights of a five story scaffolding, camping out for four days, to raise funds for the MFRC, Child and Family services, and families in need of the Second Battalion. Two words sum their effort – Outstanding Humanitarians.

In closing, the Second Battalion enjoyed a year of hard, demanding training and taskings. Now the unit looks forward to the year 2000 and the possibility of an operational tour again in Bosnia, maintaining as always the esprit that makes it Second To None.

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Third Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

1999 – The Year In Review

Members of the battalion will look back on 1999 and predominantly remember two major episodes; training for possible Immediately Reaction Force (Land) missions and training for actual NATO Stabilization Force (SFOR) missions in Bosnia. With the first six months of the year keenly focused on the IRF (L), including no less than five major exercises within that short time period, the last six months were equally engaged with focusing on Bosnia. While soldiers at all ranks were disappointed with the fact that 3PPCLI was not chosen to spearhead Canada's participation in Kosovo, there was comfort in the fact that the unit was selected for ROTO 6 in Bosnia. With such a roller coaster and engrossing year, the millennium ended with 3PPCLI being declared 'operationally ready' for deployment to Bosnia. This was indeed a confirmation of the hard work and many hours' soldiers and leaders alike had devoted to the mission at hand.

Ex Nordic Patricia (15 – 19 Jan 1999)

After return from Christmas leave, the battalion continued training for its main mission; providing a professional and combat-capable light infantry battalion group to NATO's IRF (L). With Edmonton's bitter cold in full swing, winter indoctrination was the first order of business. As was becoming the norm for 3PPCLI, the exercise began with a battalion-level airmobile assault against 'company sized' objectives spread throughout the annex in Wainwright. While the austere weather postponed the assault, by the end of the day all company objectives were neutralized and secured. On hand to observe the training was Major General Reith, the British Commander of the IRF (L). Accompanying him was his headquarters staff who required some real winter training, the type that only a Canadian winter could provide. Winter survival, tent drills, patrolling, infiltration, and assaulting were practiced and confirmed. While the soldiers were able to survive the rigors of winter warfare, the battalion's new fleet of snowmobiles did not. Out of twenty new machines, only one was left operational at the end of the exercise.

Ex Winter Warrior (1 – 8 Feb 1999)

With NATO and the West becoming more enthralled with Kosovo, LCol David Barr geared Ex Winter Warrior to train the battalion in a demanding and realistic peace support operation. Turning Wainwright and its sur-

rounding communities into a fictitious, ethnically divided country. Leaders and soldiers alike were confronted with problems including protests, crime, indiscriminate violence, political corruption, and ethnic hatred. Skills in crowd control, urban patrolling, weapons verification, vehicle check points, political negotiation, and the proper application of the Rules of Engagement (ROEs) were some of the more important skills acquired during the training. The



MCpl Paul Lloyd supervising his troops during a "shake down"

exercise culminated in a helicopter inserted company live-fire defensive, including TOW shoots and artillery support. While a large amount of time and resources went into preparing and executing the exercise, in the end it



Sgt Dan McLean supervising a live-fire mortar shoot in balmy Wainwright.

proved a success in aiding the unit in preparing for possible IRF (L) missions. MCpl Alan Cooper also returned from the United States after topping the prestigious Ranger Course. Well done! The month ended with A Coy, Recce Pl, and Mor Pl conducting both static line and free-fall parachuting from CH146 Griffin helicopters and CC130 Hercules aircraft.

Ex Light Fighter (14 – 23 Mar 1999)

Ex Light Fighter saw the entire battalion pick-up and travel to Fort Lewis, Washington, to continue it's challenging training regime, including a good dose of advanced live-fire application. Live-fire pairs, section, and platoon raids were conducted both by day and night. Live-fire close quarter fighting was practiced at the 2nd Bn 75th Ranger Regiment's 'Kill House'.



Winter live-fire training in Fort Lewis - no snow!

This excellent facility allowed for 360 degree firing in a multi-room structure, a training tool not available to the battalion in Canada. Paratroopers from 3PPCLI conducted a 'friendship jump' with troops from the 1st Special Forces Group and 2nd Bn 75th Ranger Regiment. The successful jump from the C-141 Starlifter aircraft resulted in the traditional exchanging of wings. The exercise culminated with parachute and ground inserted company raids, ending with a battalion level exfiltration, with the aid of assault boats. While most troops were able to stay afloat in the fast current, some of the more challenged 'mariners' were forced to go for a swim. In the end, Fort Lewis proved a welcome change to the familiar surroundings of Wainwright.



*Cpl Dominic "Fish" Poissant, Cpl Ryan Stewart,
and MCpl Stephen Ambrose*



*Paratroopers from 3PPCLI, 2ndBn 75th Rangers,
and the Special Forces exchange wings.*



Sgt Kevin Barry gets his troops ready for a trip down 'river'.

Ex Light Strike (19 Apr – 4 May 1999)

After a week of spring leave, the unit prepared for its next deployment to Dundurn, again to focus on live-fire training. After a brief two-day battalion-level dry defensive exercise, platoons and companies settled into a rotating schedule, which included live-fire attacks and ambushes. A patrol competition, the first since September 1999, was conducted incorporating passage of friendly lines, crossing water obstacles, and evading a highly motivated enemy force (Recce Pl). The results were as follows:

- 1st Place: 8 Pl C Coy (Lt Chris Scott and WO Ken Linville)
- 2nd Place: 6 Pl B Coy (Lt Mike Apostoliuk and WO Noel Stone)
- 3rd Place: 1 Pl A Coy (Sgt John McKenzie and MCpl Vaclav Krejci)

One unfortunate Platoon Commander learned a good lesson on navigation when he attempted to assault a farmer's house outside the training area. Ouch! After the competition, the exercise culminated with a number of company-level live-fire raids. Well done to C Coy for humping in their .50 cal's to the objective, even though they ended up not working!

Ex Total Ram (12 – 26 May 1999)

With only a few days rest, the unit redeployed to Wainwright to participate in the brigade-level Exercise Total Ram. Employed as the brigade's enemy force, the battalion spent the next week conducting airborne, airmobile and dismounted raids throughout 1CMBG's defensive area. While usually outnumbered, 3VP used mobility, stealth, and surprise to catch a number of units literally in their sleeping bags (no finger pointing – Ubique). In one daring operation, LCol Barr and troopers from C Company captured the



Maj Shane Schreiber and MWO Ward Brown ordering pizza during a lull in the battle.



Sgt Dan Ferron, Pte Dan Strauss, and LCol Dave Barr capture a visibly shaken Brigade Commander during Ex TOTAL RAM.

Brigade Commander himself. Unfortunately, during one airborne assault, a large number of paratroopers were seriously injured during a night insertion. Thankfully a well-trained and prepared UMS, led by Capt Steve Douglas and MCpl Joel Thomas (who was seriously injured himself), were able to successfully treat and evacuate all the injured paratroopers within a short period of time. There is little doubt that this quick response potentially saved the lives of a number of soldiers. The end of the training culminated in a battalion-level live-fire, this time incorporating a defensive scenario. A rare jump from an American C147 Chinook on Saville Farm marked the end of the exercise and the conclusion of a very busy five-month schedule.



WO Rudy Bajema receiving his well - earned promotion from the CO, LCol Dave Barr.

Drill Rehearsal and PCF Courses (June 1999)

June was the first relatively quiet month for the battalion since the beginning of 1999. While the troops were not deployed on exercise, they were certainly deployed onto the Parade Square. With the 85th Anniversary only a few weeks away, the month of June saw parade rehearsals for both the Sunset Ceremony and Trooping the Colors.

Those troops who were not marching were participating on a number of PCF courses including unarmed combat instructor's course, two serials of BV 206 driving course, an Eryx gunner course, and an HLVW course. While the CC130 Hercules were cancelled due to aircraft unavailability, 408 Sqn pulled through for the battalion again and a static line and free-fall jump was conducted on 18 June 1999. On the other hand, Sgt Jim Currier and MCpl James Cox spent time in Australia representing Canada in a service rifle shoot.



Cpl Bruce Otto posing for the next cover of GQ.



MCpl Ryan Cooper and LCol David Barr discussing the finer points of the Ranger Tab with a jealous Col Leslie.



*"I thought we were getting two helicopters?"
Sgt Todd D'Andrade waiting to jump.*

85th Anniversary (2 – 4 July 1999)



85th Anniversary 3PPCLI Colour Party: Capt John Errington, MWO Randy Northrup, Sgt Vaclav Kreici and Lt Troy Neufeld.

The 85th Anniversary began with the traditional Sunset Ceremony, with Lady Patricia herself being the guest of honor. While the weather cooperated for the first half of the ceremony, including the official opening parachute jump from helicopters by Sgt William Thomas and MCpl Malcolm Thomson, the skies opened for the second half forcing an early end to the ceremony. The next morning saw Trooping the Colors, the first time that all four battalions were on parade at the same time. The evening was filled with the All Ranks Dinner and Dance, and for those who were young at heart, a late night of partying at the Better 'Ole. Sunday morning concluded the anniversary with Lady Patricia dedicating the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park.

July could also be described as the 'pre-course' month. Pre-JLC/JNCO, pre-basic sniper, and pre-patrol pathfinder course were all conducted to prepare those soldiers for the upcoming challenges they would face. The month of July also marked the beginning of serious rumors that 3PPCLI would replace 1R22eR as the next unit to travel to Bosnia for ROTO 6. This was certainly welcomed news after the battalion was not selected to participate with other 1CMBG units in Kosovo. While there was doubt throughout the month that the tour would not come to pass, the CO finally passed on the word the day before summer leave began; "It's official, we're going".

Courses, Courses, and More Courses (Aug – Sep)

With the first three weeks of August set aside for summer leave, the course cycle began in earnest once the battalion returned. As the unit was being retooled into a mechanized battle group, some major skill sets had to be taught and learned. No less than fifteen courses were conducted during the two month period including a huge AVGP driver course, two serials of Bison conversion, driver track, basic machine gun, basic machine gun turret, basic mortar, basic anti-armor, basic comms, and combat storeman. Outside the unit, the battalion also had troops on advanced recce, advanced assault pioneer, advanced mortar, JLC/JNCO, basic sniper, and the challenging pathfinder course. Top candidates were as follows:

Basic Anti-Armor:	Pte Aaron Bygrove	Basic Sniper:	Pte Cory Sul
Basic Machine Gun:	Cpl Geoffrey Neville	AVGP driver:	Pte Kevin Piatkowski
Basic Driver/Track:	Cpl Ronold Sellers	Basic Mortar:	Pre Robert Peldjak
Driver/wheel:	Pte Mike Rogers	Patrol Pathfinder:	Lt Troy Neufeld

September also saw 3PPCLI clean up at the Mountain Man com-



Cpl Michele Di Capua receiving his third consecutive Mountain Man victory from the Brigade Commander.

petition. Cpl Michele Di Capua won his third competition in a row and the battalion placed first in the major unit category, a second year in a row. Well done to all.



The Victorious 3PPCLI Mountain Man Team.

Op Palladium Training (Oct – Dec 1999)

The last three months of the year were completely devoted to Op Palladium training. After the PCF cycle, the unit was reconfigured from a 500 soldier battalion to an 880+ soldier battle group (with the addition of a recce sqn, an engineer sqn, and an artillery battery). The first part of the mission specific training was two weeks of peace support operations training. This included language, foreign weapons, rules of engagement, AFV, and media awareness. While the classroom instruction was far from exciting, it did make for a regular home life with the families. The most infamous portion of the training was the exciting seven-hour mission brief held in the warm and cozy base gymnasium. November saw the unit deploy to Wainwright to practice and confirm live-fire and other critical war fighting skills. Ranges from pairs fire and movement to live-fire combat team attacks were held. The engineers built a small, multi-room structure on Centurion Field to reaffirm the importance of live-fire FIBUA. The exercise culminated with a number of live-fire combat team attacks. Upon returning to Edmonton, the battle group immediately dispersed throughout the Edmonton area to conduct peace-keeping training. Spread throughout northern Edmonton, St. Albert, Redwater, Morinville, Bon Accord, and Gibbons, troops practiced urban patrolling, vehicle checkpoints, negotiations, and weapons verification. The training culminated with Colonel Nordick, Commander 1CMBG, declaring the battle group operationally ready to deploy to Bosnia.

End of the Year (Dec 1999)

The last month of the year ended as it has historically. After some brief Op Abacus (Y2K) training, the traditional Pte/Cpl vs MCpl (8-7) and officers vs Sr NCO hockey game (10-1) and the Soldiers Christmas Dinner marked the end of the training year and the beginning of Christmas leave. In retrospect, the last twelve months was undeniably the busiest year ever experienced by the battalion. More time was spent training and preparing for operations than sitting around in garrison. While the IRF (L) task never came to fruition, especially with the extensive 1CMBG support to the Kosovo mission, the assignment of the Bosnian mission was certainly welcomed news in 3PPCLI. After three months of extensive training, the soldiers are ready to handle any situation that might develop in the troubled Balkans.

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Loyal Edmonton Regiment

1999 was again another fast paced year for the regiment. The regiment did not go completely into hibernation over the winter. The Regular Support Staff Officer, Captain Mike Bourgeois, cooked up a morale –building scheme whereby a handpicked platoon of Eddies would travel to Camp Pendleton in California for a US Marine Corps Mobile Operations in Urban Terrain (we call it Fighting in Built Up Areas) exercise. Most activities in January revolved around the training for this event and included classroom reviews and training at the Garrison Fibua house for the lucky 30 troops. Unfortunately, and despite the hard work of Captain Bourgeois and Warrant Officer Jack Toy who ran the work up training, the trip was cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Reaume, vowed that those deserving 30 soldiers would get something for their efforts in March and Captain Bourgeois began to implement his backup plan. More on this story later.

March began with the annual personal weapons test on the computerized Automated Target System Ranges. This would be the final step in the unit's annual refresher training known as Warrior or by its new name: Minimum Level of Capability (MLOC). It would also be necessary to qualify all those soldiers taking part in the ambitious upcoming field firing exercises scheduled for April. The month ended with a support weapons shoot for all members of weapons detachments. This included live firing for the C 6 and C 9 machine guns and the 60 mm mortars.

In April, A Company conducted a series of live fire ranges, which would make even the Regular Force envious. Conducted as a series of stands, the troops progressed from individual fire and movement utilizing obstacles, to a jungle lane, to a sniper stalk, to pairs fire and movement, to group fire and movement and culminating in section live fire attacks. The second exercise was similar and was capped off with a live fire, platoon sized woods clearing range. In the middle of all this excitement, a section of Eddies boarded a Twin Otter plane at the air strip and flew to the Northwest Territories for a search and rescue exercise with 440 Squadron. This trip was kept a secret until the unit had already deployed so as to test our operational readiness. Credit for organizing the "adventure" goes to Sergeant Mike Rarog - a member of the regiment who is currently employed with the squadron

In May, A Company participated in Exercise Total Ram, the annual reserve concentration for Western Canada. We fielded the largest contingent out of an area which spans Victoria, BC to Thunder Bay, Ont. The exercise ran from May 20 to 24 and gave the soldiers a chance to participate in



a live fire defensive shoot as well as some airmobile assaults. The PPCLI Company Commander running safety for the range expressed how impressed he was by our soldiers.

With most of the soldiers away in Wainwright for training, the unit activity finally slowed down. Lestock Day was held at Camp Harris again this year providing a relaxed venue in which all ranks of the regiment could eat hamburgers and play sports. In July, the PPCLI invited the regiment to participate in their 85th anniversary. For the first time in history the Regimental Colours of all three Patricia battalions were joined on parade by those of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in an impressive Trooping of the Colour. Despite the absence of most of our soldiers due to summer training, the Eddies managed to provide half of the fourth guard. July also saw the participation of some of our soldiers in the prestigious (and grueling) Nijmegen March in Holland.

The new training year started off in early September with a Commanding Officer's Parade. Command of A Company was handed over from Major Mike Prendergast to Captain Jack Binns. Capt Binns wasted no time launching the company into preparations for the first MTSC exercise. The emphasis of this year's assessed exercises was on patrolling and offensive operations. The aim was to complete all three of these test exercises before November. This was achieved and the regiment passed all the assessments. The pace was hard but the troops seemed to eat it up. The assessors commented on the high spirit of our soldiers and their professionalism. October also saw nine members of the regiment start training for operational duty in Bosnia.

For Remembrance Day the unit participated in a very moving parade and service at City Hall. In years previous, the regiment had paraded in St Albert, however, this year it was decided that it made better sense for "Edmonton's Regiment" to parade downtown. The ceremony was very well attended and will probably be our official Remembrance Day Parade from now on.

November also saw the formation of a composite company to be on standby to deal with any problems associated with New Years and the anticipated Millennium Bug. The bulk of the company was to come from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment augmented by a platoon from the South Alberta Light Horse. At the time of writing this article, the New Year had not yet arrived. The consensus of opinion is that it will be a big non event. Were we right?

Majors Paul Bury and Mike Prendergast departed for an operational tour with the Division Headquarters in Bosnia during November. The remainder, who are to serve with 3 PPCLI and the National Command Element are not due to leave until February 2000. Traditionally, December is a slow peri-



od, but not for the regiment. The month started off with the annual Officers' Mess Dinner followed by the traditional Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner in which the Commanding Officer exchanges uniform jackets with the youngest private. The Honouraries were in attendance at both functions and did not seem to mind the social pace. December also saw the unit conduct a ski school and a patrol leaders course. We also welcomed Captain Chris Chodan home from Kosovo after a six month tour of duty.

Finally, a ceremony to recognize the Battle of Ortona was conducted at City Hall on December 27. Despite the holidays, the event was well attended and included representation from both the German and Italian communities.



Ex TOTAL WARRIOR Mar 99. Two soldiers fire a 60mm mortar in Wainwright



Ex TOTAL WARRIOR Mar 99. A C6 machine gun team rushes into position



RSM Keith Mundorf, Sgt Mark Denney and WO Keith Jacquard march past in slow time during the PPCLI 85th Anniversary Trooping 3 July 99



Ex TOTAL WARRIOR II

Apr 99

Cpl Brendan Yuill
negotiates his way through
a jungle lane range

Ex STEALTHY WARRIOR

Oct 99

Cpl Lance McFadzen mans
a C6 machine gun at the
6 o'clock position to the
Company patrol base



Ex STEALTHY WARRIOR

Oct 99

Sgt Bruce Zawalsky consults
his map while the remainder of
2 Pl catch some abbreviated
forced rest between patrols.

Ex STEALTHY WARRIOR

Oct 99

Cpl Andrew Weninger and
Ed Bootle from Company
Headquarters monitor the
radio net.





WESTERN AREA TRAINING CENTRE

Camp Wainwright, Alberta

1999 - The Year In Review WATC Headquarters

Western Area Training Centre (WATC) enjoyed a busy but rewarding 1999. This past year CWO Barry Veysey was appointed RSM, Capt David McKillop has taken over as the Adjutant, and Cheryl Toronyi, is now the Commanding Officer's Secretary. Looking ahead, the year 2000 will mark the departure of LCol MacLean, the Commanding Officer who has guided WATC through amalgamation and into the future. We do not know when a Patricia will next command WATC, but one thing remains unchanged, WATC will always be the place where Patricia's from all over find themselves together in the same location at the same time. When you're in town, look us up, so we can catch up. VP.

Advanced Training Company

Despite the hype and the madness of Y2K, it was "business as usual" for Advanced Training Company. In January, the Deep Freeze Guys conducted the Advanced Winter Warfare Instructor Course... sort of. Instead of deploying to the Great White North and experiencing life above the tree-line, the course played in their very own backyard. The staff was visibly upset with this arrangement, because they weren't going to enjoy the perks of a northern exercise – returning with Inuit carvings, furs, and other bounty. Even worse was the fact that the OC, Maj Dunn, and the CSM, MWO Stapleford, took advantage of this situation and regularly visited the course. No, not to check on training, but to play with all the neat toys. That is to say "serviceable toys". Capt Migadel did quite a number on 2 x LOSVs. His excuse – "I couldn't see the rocks because they were covered in snow!" In April, Sgt Turner took time from leadership training to run the candidates of QL2 Infantry Serial 9905 through a stalking range. He always seems to be "scoping" for future snipers. The permanent staff of Advanced Training Company completed the yearly BTS on the 15th of the month. Sgt Chilton did a crack job issuing the instruction (Why not? It was his only bit of responsibility all year. He played professional student for the remainder). However, Sgt Todd was lacking as the Administration NCO for the march. When the staff realized that there was no pre-determined juice point on route, Sgt Todd received 18 red chits from his peers.

June saw a transition phase take place. The leadership courses were well on their way, and the candidates were being groomed to take on section 2IC positions in Tent City upon completion of their training. Augmentee staff were arriving to prepare themselves for the series of CSS



courses that would begin in July. A party was held to bid farewell to MWO Stapleford. On the 24th, Maj Dunn was arrested by local Deputies for "demonstrating a lack of knowledge of the Wainwright Stampede, and having a messy office". He completed his community service by working as Security at the Stampede. In July, the faces began to change in Advanced Training Company. With a strong influx of Strathcona, Engineer, and CSS instructors, it is no longer considered the safe haven for Patricia NCOs. MWO Stapleford completed his handover with MWO Schaffel, who was returning to his old haunting grounds.

After the last graduation of AC/NC, the Company settled back into the winter routine of leadership courses. The Sniper course took off with Sgts Chilton and Therrien, and MCpl MacLaren as candidates. WO Primmer was proactive in the cost-cutting measures for the course. He refused to let Lt Smith, the course officer from 1 VP, into the field to visit the course, thus eliminating several days of wasted FOA. WO Primmer could be heard saying every morning before departure, "Now, look, sir, now that you're a sir, you have to start working on those administrative skills!"

As 1999 came to a close, the Company detached several of its staff to reinforce a 100-man company for Op ABACUS. As H Hr drew near, we all wondered if anything was really going to hap (NO TRANSMISSION)



CSM Schaffel. "It's not a receding hairline, it's an aggressive forehead!"



CSM Schaffel (centre) reacts to unknown odors emitted ahead of him.



Maj Dunn leads Adv Trg Coy on marchpast



WO Semenko (left) enjoying the marchpast



WO Mansbridge (centre) during the marchpast



Sgt Chilton (left) - the professional student. "Why else would I be smiling?"



Sgt Guitard and bunkmate preparing supper. "I wish I had some marinade!"



WO Primmer (right) confirms that morale is high in the "Arctic".



Basic Training Company

1999 opened in the usual way for Basic Training Company. The permanent staff was kept busy preparing for and instructing on Regular Force infantry recruit courses. The ongoing challenge of preparing recruits for their new lives in battalions was once again met with the determination and professionalism that we have come to expect from our cadre. As well, Basic Training Company again received the challenge to organize the festivities for Regimental Day. This culminated with the perennial Broom-i-loo game between the officers and senior NCOs. For the first time in nearly twenty years, the officers vanquished their bitter rivals in a hard-fought match that ended with a score of 5 to 4.

The spring graduation ceremonies for the QL 3 (Regular) Infantry courses gave way to the summer training period, which brought with it the usual changes arising from the annual posting season. Maj Charlie McKnight welcomed a new Company 2IC, Capt Glen Zilkalns, and Capt James Heth moved on to the Training Coordination Office. Also, MWO Bob Thibeau descended upon the Company and wrestled the Sergeant-Major's pace-stick from the hands of MWO Schaffel, who was kicked back upstairs to Advanced Training Company.

Throughout these changes, training continued at a rapid pace. The Company organized and ran a total of two QL 3 (Reserve) Infantry courses, three QL 2/3 (Reserve) Infantry courses, and two Bold Eagle serials. The Bold Eagle program reached a landmark this past summer as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of this very successful program. In addition to the regular training conducted, Basic Training Company also participated in the WATC Military Skills Competition, with Lt Clapperton's QL 2/3 course winning the day. With each graduation parade in August, we dispatched newly trained infantry soldiers to their respective units.

During this time, the leadership of the company was particularly busy. OC Basic Training Company was the OPI for the EXECUTREK presentations. This program was established by the Canadian Forces Liaison Council with a view toward educating employers about the benefits of the Canadian Forces Primary Reserve and the skills that Reservists can bring to their respective businesses. The participants demonstrated a great deal of interest in the stands and displays prepared for them. The OC also organized a mountain climbing adventure training expedition at the beginning of autumn, in which personnel from a variety of WATC sections and companies participated. As the leaves began to change, we again turned our efforts toward QL 3 (Regular) Infantry courses. Serial 9906 began 4 October 1999, under the direction of 2Lt Sheldon Schmidt (from 2 PPCLI) and WO Gordon Charlebois. Staff also began preliminary preparations for the two serials scheduled to begin in the New Year.



Speaking of the New Year, Basic Training Company faced an additional challenge of forming the core of WATC's company-sized organization that prepared for the mission that wasn't – OP ABACUS. Nominal lists were flying, soldiers were "DAGing" and Contingency Operation Plans were circulating in preparation for WATC's contribution to the Land Force Western Area Task Force. As we all learned at the stroke of midnight (actually, earlier than that for all the people watching the festivities around the world), the deployment did not occur. The process, however, was not an exercise in futility. A great number of lessons were learned concerning the preparation of Contingency Operations Plans. In the past, we have had to react to disasters or emergencies after the fact (i.e. the Winnipeg flood of '97). This gave us an opportunity to review the procedures we use to prepare for expected operations.

The year came to a close on an unusual note, considering our preparations for OP ABACUS. The Christmas leave period began a little earlier than usual, in order to ensure that all personnel could take sufficient leave yet still report at the WATC muster parade on 31 December 1999. Thus, our regular Christmas activities, such as the Men's Christmas Dinner and officer/senior NCO hockey game were held a little earlier – 3 December. While the competition during the hockey game was fast and furious, the senior NCOs vindicated their Broom-i-loo loss with a defeat of the officer team.

Basic Training Company completed a total of four QL 3 (Regular) Infantry courses, one Unarmed Combat Instructor Course, three QL2/3 (Reserve) Infantry courses, two QL 3 (Reserve) Infantry courses, and two Bold Eagle serials during 1999. In all, it was a very busy year for everyone involved.



Sgt Joe Plichie yells out commands to his section during a live fire range conducted by Ypres Platoon (QL3 (regular) Infantry course 9907



Sgt Palmer, on loan from Adv Trg Coy, watches his 60mm mortar crew prepare to fire another bomb during the platoon live fire defensive range.



The Officers assembled prior to the Broom-I-loo match in order to discuss grand strategy. Lt Troy Neufeld is told the game is played fully clothed.



Camp Ops O, Capt David Marshall, demonstrates excellent ball handling.



OC Basic Trg Coy, Maj Charlie McKnight, scores one of his two goals, leading the Officers to their first victory in nearly 20 years.



Part of the Officers' grand strategy was to neutralize key opposition players, as demonstrated by the quadruple teaming of WO Brian Semenko.



After stealing WO Jessop's lunch, CSM Basic Trg Coy, MWO Don Schaffel, makes for Monument Hill in great haste.



Left WO Jessop is cheered by some of his recruits and right 2Lt Vivian's trek is made easier now that CSM Basic has eaten WO Jessop's lunch



Militia Training Support Centre (MTSC)

Another year has come and gone in MTSC. This year has been busy, what with the assistance to the Reserve units in the west and the hectic summer AC/NC schedule. In keeping with the (normal?) military lifestyle, we have had some movement take place in MTSC. Capt Glen "Frank Burns" Zilkalns moved on to take over as the Company 2IC of Basic Training Company in April 1999. WO Les "Homer Simpson" Leighton took on the job of CQ Tent City for the summer and did a bang-up job. WO Gord "Mountain Man" Hill was awarded a QL 2/3 Infantry Platoon WO's job for the summer. Boy, did those kids get a shock when the "old WO" took them on PT!

At the conclusion of the summer Reserve festivities, there was an injection of fresh blood into MTSC. Capt Rory "Charles Winchester, the Third" Fowler, Team Leader of Infantry Team 1 and WO Gord "When's Hunting Season?" Trelnuk, 2IC Infantry Team 2 were both posted in. WO Trelnuk's cross-posting was followed quickly by two questions: "Where are we going?" and "What can I hunt there?" The fall 99 schedule was busy indeed, with both teams on the move from mid-September to early December. Unit assessments seemed to go quickly, with offensive operations being conducted on the weekends, and weekdays utilized for travel between units. Alas, at the end of the fall cycle, Capt Fowler was moved to 2IC Basic Training Company (where they are considering using him as an aid for putting recruits to sleep at night) and Capt Ron Migadel has been cross-posted in. WO Leighton has moved on to Basic Training Company and his sense of humour will be missed. All Patricias in MTSC look forward to the year 2000 and if the proposed schedule is any indication, it should prove to be another busy year. VPI!

LFWA TC OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

The CI, Maj Keith Macdonald, still leads the way with the help of the QMSI, MWO Gord George. Individual Training is now led by Capt Glen Zilkalns with Sgt Mike Acheson doing the SLJO tasks. Training Coordination command was handed over from Capt Mike Blackburn, who went off to 3 PPCLI, to Capt James Heth. WO John Marchioni replaced MWO Kevin Kehoe who decided that a year-long French course was required after two years as Training Coordination WO. Sgt Jim Danser remained as the Tasking NCO. Sgts Colin Caddick and Alex Hostler remained in Field Training, while Training Resources saw the addition of MCpl Stephen Anthony. Accommodations, Sgt Ron Gallant and MCpl Nick Vickers, moved over to the Operations side. Operations received Capt Chris Barr, replacing Capt David Marshall who went off to university for a year. Range Control, under Capt Kim Murphy with WO Paul Ayerst, Sgt Buck Buell, Sgt Wayne Crosley, and MCpl John Simmons, continues to keep the training area safe and clean. The Standards cell has WOs Bob Spence and Sean Jessop; Sgts Bruce Phillips and Chuck Sutherland to keep the Training Companies honest. PAT Platoon under the watchful eye of Sgt Kevin Beattie.



French Grey Battalion

Combat Training Centre, CFB Gagetown

1999 was another busy year for the Patricias of Gagetown and the surrounding area. Here at the Infantry School, where the majority of us are was especially busy as we trained over 1100 candidates on courses ranging from Basic Infantry Officer training to the Advanced Small Arms Course to the Advanced Courses in Mortars, Pioneers, Recce and Anti-Armour; among many others.

Undoubtedly, the Regimental highlight of the year was the visit of Lady Patricia and Lord Brabourne in June, while she was on her cross-country tour prior to the 85th Anniversary celebration in Edmonton. Lady Patricia was able to tour the Infantry School and the training area and dropped in on some troops in training out in the Lawfield Corridor. We had a very enjoyable meet and greet with Lady Patricia at the Senior NCO's mess for all ranks and Association Members. The Lieutenant Governor of the province, Marilyn Trenholm-Counsell hosted Lady Patricia and Lord Brabourne while they stayed in Fredericton in suitable splendor at the newly renovated Old Government House. We were certainly fortunate to have Lady Patricia visit here, as her coming to New Brunswick is quite rare, indeed this was only her second visit.

The summer officer-training season was a great success, some would say the most successful in recent memory. A large part of the reason for this success was the efforts of the soldiers from 2 PPCLI who sent an entire company to support the training with instructors, drivers, demo troops and enemy force. This was a new concept, having one unit fill most of these positions. In past years these spots were filled with a hodgepodge of soldiers from all units and many from militia units from across the country. The skill and professionalism that the officers and men from 2 PPCLI demonstrated impressed the candidates and was welcome by the permanent staff of the Infantry School.

1999 also saw the retirement of two well known and long serving members of the Regiment. WO John Plantz has left the country to settle in Stockholm, Sweden with his wife and new son. He said that there was an open invitation for anyone to crash at his place if you are in the area. Apparently, he is the only Plantz in Sweden. WO Grant Treger also retired, but in the local area. He left his mark on the School with his excellent work in the Sniper Cell, organizing the past three, highly successful, International Sniper Competitions. Before he left, he presented the school with Treger

Trophy for the top candidate on the Master Sniper Course, made of a C-3 with scope mounted on a plaque. Welcomed to the area is Capt Gene Squires, who returned from several years in Newfoundland with the Rangers to work in 37 Bde headquarters with Maj Jake Bell.

As we close out the year, we look forward to the continued growth and development of the Regiment and look forward to seeing you down here on course as staff or candidates in the days to come.



Maj Doug Oliphant powers his way past the competition during the Regimental Day Broomiloo game



Sgt Steve Bourque accompanies Lady Patricia on the inspection of the Quarter Guard during her visit in June 1999



Capt Jason Blain, on exchange from the Royal Australian Regiment explains some phase 3 training to Lady Patricia



WO John Plantz chats with Lady Patricia



LCol Reumiller bids farewell to Cpl Horne on his remuster to the Navy



LCol Reumiller presents the Top Candidate award for the Advanced Pioneer to MCpl Whitelaw

Canadian Parachute Centre

Trenton, Ontario

1999 was another busy year at the Canadian Parachute Centre with LCol Peter Bartlett (PPCLI) taking over as the new CO. On top of the normal courses run at the school the Advanced Mountain Operations crse and the re-instated Patrol Pathfinder course were run (Pathfinder for the first time in 5 years) with great success. The unit deployed across Ontario on OP Abacus as liason teams for the Millennium. Four Mountain Operations Instructors from the school were involved in climbing the Peace Tower for the National Capital Region New Years celebrations. The Canadian Forces Parachute demonstration Team, The Sky Hawks, with Patricia's WO Bolen as team Warrant and Sgt Hulan as public relations NCO had another successful year completing 77 demonstrations in front of an estimated 4 million spectators across North America. Exchanges to the US, notably Menton Days and operation "Toy Drop" with the 82nd Airborne were also very successful. The new drop zone for the school, "DZ Rivers", should be completed in April 2000 with the inaugural jump scheduled for 14 April. The Patricia's have a total of 11 members of the Regiment employed at the school with Maj M. Morneault, Capt G. Hildebrandt, WO McLean and Sgts Speed, Romanko, Gillis, Mailhot and Hillier rounding out the group. The New Year will be even more interesting with the greatly anticipated results of the Para Capability study and the addition of the new CT6 parachute into the schools inventory.



WO Bolen and Sgt Hulan flying a "Bi-Plane" through cloud formations in Peris Valley California



Ottawa Area Patricia's

Greetings once again from your Regimental comrades here in the Ottawa area. As we embark on yet another year here in the National capital, it is appropriate to reflect back on last year's activities and the memories they bring back.

First of all, we have been incredibly inspired by the performance of our soldiers out on the front line. For many, service here in Ottawa is a frustrating experience in the sense that many would rather be soldiering right alongside you in the battalions. On the other hand, we recognize (once we have been in the breach here for a while) the tremendous work done in Ottawa on behalf of our soldiers (that's our story, and we're stickin' to it!). It would be a challenge indeed to attempt to convey to our front-line comrades the depth and breadth of all our work put into enhancing the soldiers' lives in the units today. From Quality of Life initiatives to capital procurement, the Ottawa-area Patricias are doing their share. Believe it or not, for many here in Ottawa, the saying is, "The one great thing about Fridays is that there are only two more working days to Monday!" The hard work notwithstanding, many of us are itchin' to be back on the front line with you the soldiers.

The highlight of our year last year was, of course, the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief and Lord Brabourne as they passed through Ottawa on their way out to Edmonton to celebrate our 85th Anniversary. She was joined by our Colonel of the Regiment and his wife, Norah. With only two and a half days with us, her timetable was supercharged to say the least. If there was one specific event that meant the most to her and her fellow Patricias, it would have had to have been the Dinner hosted by the Association. The event was special in that it permitted the greatest number of her Regimental family to spend some time with her. When the Colonel-in-Chief spoke to us at the gathering she remarked that it was refreshing to see so many familiar faces, many of whom had the honour of serving as her ADC over the years. Perhaps the highlight of her evening was the opportunity to see many of her Burma Star veterans attending as well. Her entire visit was a tremendous success, largely due to the outstanding hospitality of the British High Commissioner and his wife Lady Goodenough.

The second most significant event for the regimental community here is our annual Remembrance Day gathering at the PPCLI Cairn at Lansdowne Park. It was here that the Regiment first paraded way back in 1914. This is consistently the best opportunity to meet old comrades and receive a Regimental update from both the Colonel of the Regiment and our senior serving Patricia in Ottawa – presently Colonel Kenward. We are not



permitted to receive his update until we have all gone down and given him fifty of our best push-ups! During these updates we are apprised of the sterling performance of our soldiers, as well as the summer's change of command appointments.

If there is an event that comes a close third, it is the Fall Merit Board gathering which brings COs and RSMs in to Disneyland-on-the-Rideau. What better time to pick your target and ask for that posting back to the Battalion! The informal gathering during a break in their deliberations provided all the opportunity to renew Regimental friendships and share of few old war stories.

Other than that, there isn't too much else to offer from your Ottawa brethren. We wish you all the best in the year ahead. And remember, if that Career Manager taps you on the shoulder and says you're Ottawa bound, it ain't all that bad – We'll be waiting here for you to welcome you into the Ottawa family.

VP.

Borden Area Patricia's

The ERE Borden Area comprise the Borden to Petawawa to Sault Saint Marie triangle. There have not been many posting but there has been a lot of action. Major Philip Cook arrived from Yugoslavia into the Canadian Forces Support Training Group G3 Operations and Training chair and saw through the CFRET/Borden op response for the Kosovor refugees during Op PARASOL and the Y2K Op ABACUS. Sgt. Joe Wysman keeps him on the straight and narrow as the G3 Provision of Service co-ordinating base support to primarily federal and provincial police forces, ERT and security services. Sgt. Johnny Brooks and MWO (retired) Peter MacKay have the range control organization running like a smoothly oiled machine, ensuring ranges and DZs are safe.

Capt Dan Blanc is the EA to the Commander CFSTG and has skillfully maintained his profession of arms training (swans) by qualifying on the Advanced Course at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre and several trips to the US of A on combined ops seminars. Capt. Tony Turco recruits for the CF in the northern areas of Ontario and is the Officer Commanding the Sudbury CFRC.

The professionalism of local militia units remains at an all time high with Sgt. Ken Surridge and MCpl Auer supporting the Grey and Simcoe Foresters in Ontario.

MWO Al Whitehall, CSM CFNBCS, and WO Bill Johnson are members of the CFNBCS and the national NBCRT (Reaction Team). They have been spending more time away on op deployment than at the school in the last year.

Several retired Regimental members live and are active in the local area. They include MGen (R) Lewis MacKenzie, LCol (R) Pat McDonough and LCol (R) Ness Tombu. Our more favourite member is Guy Lavergne, a Korea Vet and resident in Angus. Ex Patricias surround us: Maj Ted Weatherill, Maj Bob Hansen, Maj Don Pattison, and Capt Hugh "Ranger" MacIsaac. People who served with the Regiment in the past include LCol Ken Steed, CO CFSAL, and CWO Emond Austin, RSM CFSAL, who both served in our 3rd Battalion. LCol Ryan Jestin, ex 2 PPCLI CFE, commands CFSEME and CWO Williams, G4 CWO.

The Borden Patricia's get together several times a year and are looking forward to the First Annual ERE Patricia's Regimental Day Celebration in Borden 16-17 Mar 2000. We may be few but we carry the colours proudly. We give our salutations to the Colonel-in-Chief, the Colonel of the Regiment, Commanding Officers, Officers, Warrant Officers, NCOs and soldiers of the Regiment everywhere. Once a Patricia, always a Patricia.



Sgt Johnny Brooks, MWO Peter MacKay (CSM Retired)
and Capt Mike Norris (served with 2 PPCLI SFOR)

Victoria ERE Patricia's



In front of the old 3 PPCLI Officers' Mess (Now scheduled for demolition and yes, for those of you who don't know, there really is a new road through the centre of the Work Point Barracks parade square.

Rear Sgt Arnold, Sgt Noyes, Capt Newman, Maj Oliphant, MWO Usipiuk

Front WO Boustead, Capt Salmon, Capt Dodds, Sgt Whittall

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2483 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Esquimalt)

The 1999 training year was one of the busiest in recent years for the 2483 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps, located in Bld 1058 Work Point Barracks, Victoria BC.

In January, a band program was created and cadets began practicing for the drum line which performed during the annual inspection in May. In February and March the corps concentrated on developing two rifle teams to compete in the winter postal program. For the first time in its history, the corps sent a smallbore and an air rifle team to the provincials, finishing second and sixth respectively. In April, cadets were introduced to rock climbing and in May, cadets learned to abseil.

The Corps was very proud that all three National Star Candidates, passed their examinations during the March 1999 spring break. WO Ken Dobie, Sgt Erin Dean, and Sgt Michael Adamthwaite worked hard in preparation for the examination and all three had little difficulty. As a result of her NSCE performance, Sgt Erin Dean qualified for the 1999 Germany Exchange which she attended during the summer. Passing the NSCE examination secured WO Ken Dobie's place on the 1999 RCAC National Shooting Team, which competes each year in Bisley, England. Sgt Adamthwaite was selected for a staff position at Vernon.

While the corps senior cadets were passing their National Star Examinations, the rest of the Corps cadets traveled to Fort Lewis, Washington along with the 2943 Campbell River corps to visit 3PPCLI. The cadets were able watch 3PPCLI in action for two days and tour the base museums. For most cadets, this trip was the highlight of their training year. The officers and cadets are very grateful to 3PPCLI for hosting our corps trip to Fort Lewis.

The corps has a long history of sending cadets to Bisley on the National Shooting Team and 1999 was a special year since not only was one of our senior cadets a member of the team, one of the Corps staff, 2Lt Bart Yarmoshuk was also selected as a coach for the team. Continuing the corps tradition, M/Cpl Ben Wilkinson has qualified for the 2000 National Shooting Team, provided he passes the 2000 National Star Examination. The cadets and officer cadre of 2483 PPCLI Cadet Corps want to thank Capt Steve Malins and wish him well at his new job in Banff. Capt Malins had been a dedicated and highly valued corps officer from 1988 - 1999, and was the Commanding Officer from 1991 to 1995.



2701 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Kapyong Barracks)



Cadet Corps
Drumline (L-R)

C/MCpl Jacobsen
C/Cpl Famuyide
C/WO Chioua
C/MCpl Saddler
C/Cpl McCabe
C/MCpl Feng
C/Sgt Bouteiller

1999 proved to be a banner year for the 2701 PPCLI Cadet corps in Winnipeg. The cadets excelled at mandatory and optional training.

FTX Patricia Move was held in the spring at Richer Manitoba. The cadets had the opportunity to put into practice their training in regards to fieldcraft, patrolling, map and compass. The cadet corps celebrated Kapyong day with the 2nd Battalion PPCLI in Shilo Manitoba. The cadets observed the Patricia's training including mine detection, combat support and simulated battle situations. With the coming of summer 2701 sent officers and cadets to camp in Vernon, Whitehorse, outward bounds Scotland and the Maple Leaf Exchange, UK Cadet MCpl Norman Feng (CLI Band) and Cadet M/Cpl Robert Adriaenssens (CLI PENRT) topped their courses and were rewarded with a tour of the USMC facilities in Washington DC.

Optional training at 2701 included drumline, military band, rifle team and cross country running. The band and drumline performed 10 engagements this year including the National Korean Veterans Convention and the prestigious Royal Military Institute military ball. The rifle Team participated in the provincial Buffalo Competition. Cadet WO Aaron Shiell obtained the highest score in Manitoba and participated in the national competition in Ottawa. The first year for the unit cross country running team proved to be most successful. The team began training in March and participated in the Manitoba Marathon in June, winning a silver medal. 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps would like to thank all members of the 2nd Battalion PPCLI, the PPCLI Association, the Korean Veterans Association and the St. James Kiwanis for their continued support. "Acer-Acerpori-As the Maple so the Sapling"



Running Tm Front C/WO Shiell,
C/Sgt Feng, C/Sgt Adriaenssens
Back C/Sgt Neumann, C/Cpl McCabe



3056 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Consort, AB)

No Submission recieved

2757 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Fernie)

For the past year, the cadets in 2757 have been extremely busy. The highlight of 1999 was our trip to CFB Edmonton. The soldiers set weapon displays that allowed the cadets to see how they work. We were able to ride on armored vehicles over an obstacle course. All but two of our cadets built up enough courage to jump from the mock tower. We spent time on the Rapel Tower and enjoyed this very much. The drumline put on an awesome performance for us. Lots of thanks goes out to the soldiers in Edmonton for teaching us and for making our trip as great as it was!

C/WO Nicki-Jo Sutton



Our corps attended several weekend exercises. The Winter Survival exercise taught valuable skills about survival in the winter snow. In the early spring we held an outdoor exercise to review and then test the cadets on leadership skills, map and compass, bushcraft, feildcraft, and radio procedures. The Seniors made a challenging night navigation course that was completed by all cadets. Five seniors from our corps attended a horseback riding exercise out in the mountains. We spent three days in knee deep mud learning about horses, how to ride, load, and care for them. This fall, we had an exercise to start map and compass, leadership, radios,

bushcraft and feildcraft. We went on a day trip to Calgary, we visited the Regimental museum, the science center, and the wave pool. Our Corps took rock wall training at the college once a week for ten weeks. Our Pipes and Drum band is going strong. The Senior band narrowly missed first place in the "A" division at the interior competition.

We provided the BC Senior games with pipe music and volunteer



security. The band piped in the new city council. Cadets volunteered in cleaning, making sandbags, serving dinners, we went to the US to pipe and march in their Memorial Day Parade. A junior first aid team was made along side our senior team. In the provincial competition, the juniors placed seventh among thirty teams. The senior team placed first in BC! Our team captain- C/WO N.Sutton was awarded Best team captain in BC. In the East Kootenay Mine Rescue Competition our juniors placed fourth and the seniors were awarded second place. Once again, our team captain received a first place award for her performance.

The top shooter at spring rifle was M/Cpl. T Brown from 2757. He went to Connaught for the summer and earned himself a position there for next summer. Sgt. K Sutton and Sgt K.Vandermeer wrote the national star exam and both went on the Scotland Exchange. In October, Cpl K.Morley was one of the 40 cadets from Canada to attend a shooting course in Washington, DC with the US Marines. In November, M/WO B.Sutton was one of ten cadets chosen for a Scuba diving course in Mexico.

3003 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Battle River)

The #3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps, of Edgerton, Alberta had a very busy 1998-1999 year. We held parades on Wednesday nights from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs and conducted numerous weekend and day exercises.

We started off with a "Kick – Off" Exercise in September. This exercise reviewed knowledge for old cadets and introduced bushcraft and fieldcraft to new cadets. In October, we toured museums in Battleford, Saskatchewan spending the night with the Battleford Army Cadets. We participated in patrolling exercise, saw defense situations, and live fire with the Reg F QL3 Crse. We would like to send a special Thank You to Lt. Pendergast and MCpl Robson for including us. Those exercises were a great learning experience and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you again.

In October we also did a large bore shoot and held a fifty-fifty air shoot at the Octoberfest at WATC. November began our range days and Remembrance Day Services at Paradise Valley School, Edgerton School on 10 November 1998 and helped the Chauvin and Edgerton Legions, as well as one cadet to Wainwright, with their services on 11 November 1998. Our Christmas party was held 28-29 November 1998.

The new year kicked off with a bang, as we were very busy at the range in January, February, and March, participating and shooting the Det., Mail in and DCRA competitions. We went to a "Sports Weekend" with #601 Macklin Air Cadets and Wilkie Air Cadets, canvassed Wainwright, Chauvin, and Edgerton for donations for our annual Supper and Games



Night that was held on 20 March 1999. Three cadets went to NSCE. In March, Major Morris Brause presented MWO Joel Craig with a PPCLI Regimental Commendation Award for cadets. This was the first one ever received by a cadet. In April our .22 cal team went to and won the provincial shoot, thus sending them to Ottawa to compete in the National Shoot. They brought home the gold for unit team competition. We also went to Calgary, Alberta in April. We toured the Regimental Museum, Glenbow Museum, Space and Science Center, the Calgary Zoo, and enjoyed time swimming.

We did a Decoration Day in May with the Edgerton Legion, decorating Veterans graves in Edgerton, Rosedale, and Prospect Valley. Then came the testing weekend in May. Annual Inspection, which was on 7 June 1999, was very busy. We won the trophy for Runner – Up Busiest Rural Cadet Corps. We went to the lake and spent the night for our “Wrap – Up” Exercise.

At the end of June, we had a games tent in Paradise Valley. This went very well. The beginning of July we went to the 85th Anniversary of the PPCLI trooping of colors. The cadets and staff really enjoyed themselves and most of our cadets there got to meet and talk to Lady Patricia. We sent many cadets this year with all of them doing well.

2551 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Edmonton)

The 1999 training year has once again proven both challenging and exciting for the 2551 Cadet Corps. Training was very successful with the corps beginning the year with Exercise Jumpstart, a combined bushcraft/fieldcraft exercise at Camp Mac bringing everyone up to speed on the skills we all know and love.

Weekend training throughout the year included Mock Tower, Abseiling, confidence courses, Orienteering, Map Using and a tour of the Garrison, particularly the Infantry side, which was put on by the First Battalion.

There were many citizenship exercises including Poppy Sales and, a national environment day known as Cadets Caring for Canada.

There were also various competitions including Biathlon, Drill Team and shooting which proved to be a little challenging.

May brought the FTX 2000 Exercise, A Mil Skills competition for



Army Cadets that tested each cadet's endurance and skills throughout the weekend. The 2551 placed very well, with first place standing in two events, First Aid and the corps favorite, the MOCK TOWER!!

With the end of the year approaching, we prepared for our annual Inspection, which paid off as the 2551 was presented with the award for Best Trained Urban Unit in Alberta.

Once again, we all set off to summer camp, most of the cadets went to Vernon, with the exception of a few hard working seniors. Two cadets completed the Leadership & Challenge course at the new and improved Rocky Mountain Summer Training Centre. We sent one to Bisley, England on the National Shooting Team, and another to Scotland on an exchange.

Both the staff and cadets of 2551 would like to send out a great thank you to the staff, and especially the soldiers of both First and Third Battalions for their Great help!!!

Overall the year was a huge success and the proud tradition of the 2551 will carry on into the new millennium!!

2554 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Calgary)

2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps has had a successful year in 1999. Many cadets qualified in their star levels on mandatory subjects: map and compass, leadership bush craft, instructional technique, and physical fitness. Two cadets, Cody Martin and Ryan Palmer, passed their National Star Certification Exams. Cadet Palmer earned a summer trip to Germany at these exams. The Biathlon team also trained hard during the winter and finished very well at provincial competitions.

February and March were extremely busy with St John's Emergency First Aid and one day hikes at Mockingbird Hill, McConnell Ridge and Prairie Mountain in preparations for GLATEX. GLATEX (Glacier Training Exercise) was held in late March. Twelve cadets and two officers from 2554 PPCLI CC and 4 cadets from 2137 Calgary Highlander CC trained for crevasse rescue at the University of Calgary Outdoor Program Center. They then enjoyed three days of alpine ski touring on the way to and on Bow Glacier in Banff National Park. GLATEX was the most difficult adventure training attempted by us to date and was successful.



In April, the Corps traveled to Garrison Edmonton to visit 1 PPCLI. Activities during the weekend included weapon, equipment, and vehicle displays, abseiling, obstacle course, mock tower, and a barbecue. Thank you to all those that put on this event.

The month of May was also busy with the Annual Ceremonial Review, THUNDER CADET, and the Cadet Concentration. CMWO Cody Martin won the Lord Strathcona Trust Medal at the Annual Ceremonial Review. The Cadet Concentration Team placed second overall in Alberta on practical tests of mandatory and optional subjects. Good Work.

During July and August, we moved to our new accommodations at the Waters and Currie Buildings. September started a new training year and contained a day of abseiling and completing our Highway Clean Up commitment. In October and November two field exercises taught field skills in Waiparous Valley, AB. Cadets also planted 1400 tulip bulbs that were sent from Holland for the city of Calgary as part of Remembrance Activities. For Remembrance Day we split in two, one half attended



2554 Cadet Corps participating in Ex GALTEX (Glacier Training on the Wapta Icefield). Cadets resting during construction of an igloo.



ceremonies at Memorial Park and the other at the Museum of the Regiments.

1999 has been a good year for 2554 PPCLI CC and we look forward to future activities in 2000. Acer Acerpori! VP!



2554 Cadet Corps participating in Ex GALTEX (Glacier Training on the Wapta Icefield). Cadets and guides prepare to ski down to Bow Hut.



ATLANTIC BRANCH

The Atlantic Branch is alive and well. We enjoyed a very successful year, starting in March with a small but enjoyable get-together at the home of our newest member Bill and Brenda Minnis. Welcome to our Branch Bill and Brenda.

We were very pleased to welcome Lady Patricia and Lord John to Atlantic Canada. Their first stop was in Oromocto, New Brunswick where she visited the French Grey and the members of our Branch from that area. They then traveled by road over the Confederation Bridge to Charlottetown and to the cottage of Evelyn and Errol Monkey for a very informal afternoon. A large turnout of members from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were on hand to welcome our Col. In Chief, Lord John, the Col. Of our Regt. and his wife Norah. We all enjoyed an informal seafood buffet. The lobsters were plentiful and cooked to perfection. We had a hard time keeping Lord John away from the mussels until they were cooked; he did manage to get a couple right out of the cooking pot. Hot but delicious.



*George Springer, Errol Monkley, Norman Ray, Rick Muise,
Bill Minnis, Maj. Morris Brause
"If only we had all the money we spent on hair cuts!"*

On behalf of Atlantic Branch, Marg Muise presented our Col. in Chief with a beautiful set of Canadian coins as a token of our appreciation, and we look forward to her next visit.

Lady Patricia spoke on how much she enjoyed travelling and visiting the Branches of her Association and in particular the Maritime Provinces. She also spoke about all the accomplishments Lord John has

enjoyed and thanked him for all his support over the years.

The third weekend in September, the members of the Atlantic Branch gathered in Charlottetown for our annual weekend get-together hosted by the very capable team of Errol, Evelyn and Steven Monkley. Friday evening was the Meet & Greet at the Legion and some very nice prizes donated by Sobeys Inc., Sprint Canada and Avis were given out as door prizes. Just about everyone received something. President Rick Muise presented a plaque to the President of the Charlottetown Legion Branch, and thanked him for the use of their Legion for our weekend activities.

Saturday at our AGM we had the pleasure of welcoming our Regimental Major. Major M. Brause spoke on a variety of topics of interest to our members including the activities of the Regiment. The 85th in Edmonton, the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park and thanked the Branch for a donation toward a bench in the park. He spoke on how very important it is for each of us to get involved in the Regimental History Project 1914-1999 as if we don't do it, who will?

A light lunch was enjoyed by all after the meeting. We then traveled over to Province House through the wind and rain (the tail end of Hurricane Floyd) for a very interesting and informative tour of the place where the Fathers of Confederation started this great country of ours.

Lady Patricia receives a set of Canadian coins.



We returned to the Legion for a dinner and dance, where we were very fortunate to have as our guest speaker Brian D. Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister Veterans Services, who gave a very interesting and informative speech on a subject that is near and dear to our hearts: our Pension and the improvements that have been made, and are going to be made, to

assist military members applying for a medical pension.

Sunday morning we held our church parade at the cenotaph and then back to the Legion for a light lunch and farewells till we meet again.

Fredericton, New Brunswick will be the place for our fall meeting, a tentative date is the third weekend in September and this will be hosted by Buck and Gladys Rogers. Hope to see you there.

Whenever I feel resentful of growing old, I try to remember that lots of folk have been denied the privilege.

OTTAWA BRANCH

By Harry Bloom

After hosting the PPCLI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in 1998 with all of it's associated functions, 1999 was in comparison a very quiet year. The Branch was honoured to have Mrs. Elnora Montgomery present at our November 11th Remembrance Service in 1998. She is the niece of the Unknown Sergeant, who was honoured that year by the Regiment.



Remembrance Day in Ottawa

The Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch was held on the 8th of May at the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess. Chris Snider decided to step down after 12 years as our President and Harry Bloom was voted in to succeed him in that appointment. David Snowball was elected Vice President with David Peacock as the Secretary/Treasurer and Dan Bordeleau as the Member at Large. The meeting was followed by a buffet, drinks and story telling. The Branch was honoured to be asked to host a reception for the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia and Lord John Brabourne on the 29th of June. The stop over in Ottawa was part of her cross Canada tour from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia in conjunction with the 85th Anniversary of the Regiment and the associated activities which were held in conjunction with this event in Edmonton. Some forty people attended the reception held at the WOs & Sgts Mess and we also had a number of Burma Star Veterans attend with their ladies. Everyone had a chance to speak with both Lady Patricia and Lord John during the evening. Dan Bordeleau presented the Colonel in Chief with a beautiful plaque which had been presented to the Regiment by the government of the Republic of Korea in commemoration of the Regiment's service in Korea. This plaque is now on permanent display in the Regimental Museum.



Ottawa Branch of the PPCILI Association

A number of Branch members traveled to Edmonton at the end of June to participate in the 85th celebrations. It was a wonderful event, which was extremely well organized and one that I, personally, will long remember. To the members of the Edmonton Branch, Regimental Headquarters and the serving members of the Patricia's serving in Edmonton, congratulations on a job well done - " BRAVO ZULU " .



MANITOBA & N.W. ONTARIO BRANCH

Our first notable event in 1999 was Second Battalion's Regimental Day Frolic on March 17. In spite of the killer windchill, a few of our hardier Branch members showed up to watch the enthusiastic soldiers commit Regimental Fratricide on VP Square. Following the Officers and Snr NCOs Broom-i-loo game and the presentations in the Drill Hall, we moved to the WOs and Sgts mess where the Officers were presented with the Horse's Butt and the Association Gas Mask.

On March 18, over 150 Association members and friends joined the Kuzyk family in the WOs & Sgts Mess by for a Celebration of the Life of Walter Kuzyk who had passed away on March 14. Second Battalion's Padre Steve Merriman officiated and Cpl Bernie Arthurs sounded Last Post and Reveille. At the family's request, donations were made to the PPCLI Association in lieu of flowers and \$570.00 were received in Walter's Memory. \$505.00 were used in the purchase of a footstone to be installed in front of the Fort Osborne Monument and the remaining \$65.00 were donated to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund.

Thirty Association members and guests enjoyed a couple of hours of reminiscing and light refreshment at our Regimental Day Social in the WOs and Sgts Mess on the afternoon of March 21. We were particularly pleased to be joined by a few Patricia widows from the WWII and Korea eras.

As usual, Second Battalion was in the field on Kapyong Day. This year, however, 15 of us were able to join them in Shilo and take part in the annual anniversary activities. The temperature was in the mid-twenties when we arrived, there was a strong wind blowing, and the ground and foliage were very dry. The Fire Index was "Extreme" and we were soon made aware of the swarms of ticks in the trees and grass. After an unbelievable lunch of shrimp stir-fry, we were joined by the Winnipeg PPCLI Cadets and treated to static displays of some of the battalion support weapons, including the 8-wheeled Coyote Light Armoured Vehicle. Then we watched a platoon from A Coy attack a well-prepared position resolutely defended by the Coy Clerk and two EME Maintainers. Later in the afternoon, among the dunes, the Battalion formed up in Hollow Square, with the Old Guard on the right and the Cadets on the left, for the traditional Memorial Service conducted by Padre Steve Merriman. Kap'Yong Vet Bob Cumming read the Citation and Kap'Yong Vets Walter Brazil and Ed Higham were also on parade with the Old Guard. Following the parade, we were treated to a steak dinner and a beer before heading back to Winnipeg.

On June 21, 1999, Branch members accompanied a Guard of



Honour from Second Battalion on a trip to Moosomin, Saskatchewan for the Dedication of a new headstone for the grave of George Harry Mullin, VC. Second Battalion Padre Steve Merriman conducted the service, Association Past President D'Arcy Best was Master of Ceremonies and Lessons were read by Lloyd Jones of Saskatchewan Branch and LCol Matthew Overton, CO Second Battalion. Norman McCowan of Manitoba & North Western Ontario Branch and Lloyd Jones unveiled the new headstone. Harry Mullin's stepdaughter, Mrs. Eileen Borschnek, had come from Calgary for the ceremony and the service was attended by many of the local citizens, including a large contingent from the Moosomin Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Because of a conflict with Second Battalion's block leave and two other tournaments the previous day, there were fewer Battalion members than expected in our Annual Golf Tournament on August 13. However, there were a few from the WOs and Sgts Mess and the Junior Ranks Club and, as usual, they took most of the prizes. Pte Chris Major was awarded the President's Cup for Tournament Low Gross and guest John Laplante. The Norman LG McCowan Trophy for Tournament Low Net. Best Association golfers were CWO Larry Surridge, who captured the Alf Rooke Trophy for Association Members Low Gross, and Bill Rideout who took home the LA (Len) Quinlan Trophy for Association Members Low Net. Cpl Dave Jackson got the Ed Higham Trophy for Closest to the Pin, WO Don Hulan made the longest drive and RSM John McGregor proved to be the Most Honest Golfer.

In October, 43 members and guests enjoyed our Annual Dinner in the congenial atmosphere of the Second Battalion WOs and Sgts Mess. Second Battalion's CO was away on duty but he was ably represented by the DCO, Major Brian Flynn. Other head table guests were RSM John McGregor, RQMS (PMC, WOs & Sgts Mess) Dan and Lucie Bryan-Pulham, and Second Battalion's former Chaplain, Lt (N) Steve Merriman with his wife Sharon. We were also pleased to have the company of Ted Bastien, visiting from Alberta, and WWII vets Lloyd and Helen Kreamer, Fred and Alice Linklater, Alf and Joan Rooke, Andy Schaen, Fred and Jean Snell, Jim Wall, and Johnny Moore's widow, Alice.

Following the dinner, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Padre Steve Merriman and Stu Weeks. Padre Merriman was honoured for his support and participation in Association functions and projects during his tour with Second Battalion, including our annual Kapyong services, dedication of the Fort Osborne Monument and Harry Mullin's gravestone, and memorial services for departed members. Stu Weeks was recognized for his dedicated service to the Branch for many years as Vice-President, President and Vice-President again (a lifetime appointment?) and especially for having organized our Annual Golf Tournaments during the past 13 years.



Patricia family members and friends overflowed the bleachers and 23 Association Members fell in with Second Battalion for the Remembrance Day Service on November 11. At 86 years, Alf Rooke was the oldest man on parade. Following the parade, we were joined by the Senior Officers, RSM and CSMs as Lieutenant-Colonel Overton and Nick Oshanski placed a wreath at the Kap'Yong Memorial. We then retired to the WOs and Sgts Mess for the traditional reception.

Unfortunately, enthusiasm seems to have worn off by November 14 when Association members were outnumbered by Second Battalion's Colour Party at the Annual Remembrance Service at All Saints Church. Charlie Murray and Nick Nowosad, with their ladies, were the only WWII vets and Whitey Redden the sole Korea rep. Stu Weeks, his son Marty and Branch President D'Arcy Best were the only other Association members. Second Battalion's Colours were accompanied by Major Malcolm Bruce and CSM Wade Jones of Cbt Sp Coy, RSM John McGregor, and the Mortar Platoon. Pte Kevin Reudle sounded last Post and Reveille, Pte Dan Holley piped the Lament and Major Bruce read a Lesson. Following the service, coffee was served in the church hall where the troops were warmly received by congregation members.

Our final event of the year was the Second Battalion Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner. Nineteen members of the branch helped the Junior Ranks put away copious quantities of turkey and trimmings and the regulation "two per man" served by the Officers and Senior NCOs of the Battalion in the Kapyong Barracks Drill Hall.

During 1999, we gained 10 new members: Ray Crabbe, Ronald Davies, Sterling Duguay, Fred Horrocks, Mel and Rhae Lewis, Reg McKay, Jim Seggie, CWO Larry Surridge and Cpl Dave Tower; and Martin Boyko and Ed Ryan have returned to the fold after a period of AWOL. We begin the Year 2000 with four additional new members: Brian Cooper, Padre Steve Merriman, CSM Brian McKenelley and QMSI Chris White. Sadly, our gains have been partially offset by the deaths of old friends George Black, Mel Hidlebaugh, Art de Keruzec and Walter Kuzyk. These four names will be inscribed on our Museum Building Block for 1999, and "We will remember them".

"Always a Patricia"

S.W. ONTARIO BRANCH

No Submission recieved



KINGSTON BRANCH

The big story for the Kingston Branch of the Association for 1999 is its existence. Although Kingston historically has been associated with the Artillery, and latterly with Signals, expanded programmes at RMC, the army Staff College, Headquarters 1 Canadian Division, and components of the Land Staff have inevitably led to a larger Regimental presence. Although the majority are officers, there are many NCOs as well, including many who have remustered to other military occupations or who have served in battalion Signals Platoons. Besides, the Kingston area is an attractive place to retire or start a second career.

Accordingly, after discussion over a period of time, a founding meeting was convened in December 1998, appropriately over brunch in a pub, to formally launch the creation of a Kingston branch. By early in 1999, enough serving and retired Patricias had been enrolled to allow us to formally apply for a Charter as a branch of the Association.

The occasion of the Colonel-in-Chief's visit in June enroute from Ottawa to the Regimental reunion at Edmonton provided the opportunity for the formal inauguration of the Branch. On 30 June, Lady Patricia, Lord John, and Major General and Mrs. Hewson, were joined by some serving and retired members and ladies for lunch and a tour of historic Fort Henry. However, the main event was a fine buffet held on the harbour patio of the Fort Frontenac Officers Mess the same evening. Lady Patricia presented the official Branch Charter to Major Lou Grimshaw (Ret), the Branch President, before a good crowd of serving and retired Patricias. The occasion, on a perfect early summer evening, provided the opportunity for members of the Regimental family, some from Toronto and Borden, to get together, meet the Colonel-in-Chief and Colonel of the Regiment, renew old friendships and tell the inevitable exaggerated stories.

As Lady Patricia noted, the Kingston Branch "is a great asset for the whole regiment, including veterans and families, which is so important." We are here to serve and support members and their families and to maintain those treasured Regimental linkages.

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

No Submission recieved

WAINWRIGHT BRANCH

No Submission recieved

CALGARY BRANCH

January 1999

The Calgary Branch kicked off the year with a breakfast meeting at the Ogden Legion on January 30th. Following a nice breakfast and the meeting our guest speaker, Jeff Crossman of the Regimental Museum, spoke to use on the updates and workings of the museum and the need for volunteers. Jeff has since retired from the Forces and we wish him the best in his future endeavours.

During this meeting John Burke was elected as our Vice President.

March 1999

Jim White helps a family pick just the right poppy.



Greasy Spoon Bob Zubkowski cooks pancakes and sausages under guidance of Slop Jockey John DeMerchant.



At this meeting Chief Warrant Officer Chris Cableguen, the Base Chief Warrant Officer in Garrison Edmonton, gave a very enlightening briefing on Base Edmonton with slides and maps. Most of us were amazed at the actual size of the Base.

The Calgary Branch also instituted a quick train plan to get information out to branch members for important time- sensitive information.

April 1999

The Branch had planned a trip to see Base Edmonton organized by Tom Reid. We were to leave Calgary in the morning, have a tour of the base, lunch at the mess and visit 1st and 3rd Battalions. But due to commitments of the Regiment the trip unfortunately had to be cancelled.

The Branch also had a ball cap made with the crest of the Association on it. They are for sale at \$13.50 each, are an eye catcher and help fellow Patricias recognize us where ever we wear them.

We were approached by the Heritage Committee this month to fill out a form to add our stories and comments for the Regiments next volume of the history. Several members filled in forms and were interviewed over the year.

May 1999

Thanks to Branch members who are also members of the UN association we received forms to apply for the new peacekeepers medal to be presented to each member at a parade at The Museum of the Regiments, July 2000. The Branch thanks all those who have put in such a great effort in order to make this possible.



June 1999

In June we had our third annual golf tournament on 6th June (D-Day). There were over ten teams with great prizes. The tournament was held at the Turner Valley Golf course followed by a BBQ. Those that attended had a good time golfing and visiting. We will be having another tournament this year 2000 so please let us know if you wish to attend, visit with your fellow Patricia's and take home some of the great prizes. Thank you Doug McNeil in organizing the tournament and BBQ.

July 1999

The atmosphere within the ranks of the Calgary Branch was much like Christmas for little children. We were waiting for the day to move to Edmonton for the 85th anniversary of the Regiment.

We were disappointed that the First Battalion had to leave for overseas just as we were arriving, but we were able to say our good bye to those who left. We were well treated and felt at home in no time in the new surroundings of Base Edmonton. Many old friendships were struck up and new ones made. During the AGM Don Ethell of the Calgary Branch was elected Vice President of the Association and Rudy Raidt was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the Association. Congratulations to you both.

EDMONTON BRANCH

No Submission recieved

OKANAGAN/THOMPSON BRANCH

By Tom Tyson

1983 - a social get together at the Officers' Mess Vernon of all Patricias in the area.

1984 ' Luncheon and Meeting to form a Branch in the PPCLI Association: first President, Vince Lilley.



1985 ' Received our Charter, also purchased a Camp Flag with 'PPCLI Association Okanagan/Thompson Branch' embroidered on it.

1986 - The Director General of Properties and Utilities of the Canadian Armed Forces, has approved the construction of a PPCLI Memorial in Vernon Military Camp.

1987 - Our next President was Bob Casement. The Branch also carried on with its plans for the 75th Cairn. In October the Branch had the honour of a visit by the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia along with her daughter Joanna.

1988 - The Branch worked on the site of the 'Cairn' and held fundraisers to help cover the cost. Donations by Bill Davic, John Sanford and Wally Swanson help the cause.

1989 - We lost our founding force in Vince Lilley who passed away before the project he started was finished. In July the Branch held the Dedication and Unveiling Ceremony, with MGen Camie Ware, doing the unveiling. The Branch was well represented at the A.G.M. in Calgary. The Branch President, Tom Tyson, was elected at the Branch A.G.M. in June.

1990 - On 24 May, the Branch held a dinner and a social evening for Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia and the Colonel of the Regiment, BGen & Mrs. R.S. Graham. The following morning some members of the Branch had breakfast with Lady Patricia and her party. Afterward, they proceeded to the Vernon Cadet Camp to the 'Cairn' where Lady Patricia laid a bouquet of flowers. Earlier, the President and his wife left for Winnipeg, for the 42nd A.G.M.

1991 - Our 75th Memorial improvement programme is rather ambitious replacing the entrance way with wrought iron sign and spaces for sitting area. Some members and their wives stopped in Calgary to visit the Memorial Hall of Honour, then on to Regina, for the A.G.M. October, I returned to Calgary, for the 'Dedication of the Hall of Honour' by The Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia.

1992 - National A.G.M. was held in Stoney Creek ON with seven members attending. October, we had a visit by the Colonel of the Regiment MGen Herb Pitts and his wife Marianne. In 1993 the Branch will be hosting the 45th A.G.M., so we are busy with our plans.

1993 - The Branch big event is the 45th A.G.M. 4-6 June. I was off to Calgary, for the Change of Command of 1 PPCLI. I was sorry to see LCol Dave Pentney leave. The new Commanding Officer is LCol M.J. Diakow.



The RSMs also changed from W.P. Spring to C.M. Cabelguen. At the Branch Barbecue we had the pleasure of the attendance of The Regimental Major Ed Borchert and his wife Sue. At that time, seven Certificates of Appreciation were handed out. One plaque was presented to Capt Doug Martin for his help at the 45th A.G.M. Also, two new benches were put into place, with the six we had.

1994 - The 80th in Calgary where the Branch was well represented. The Branch was sorry to hear that Vice-Patron MGen Camie Ware, DSO, CD is in the hospital in Victoria.

1995 - In March we had the pleasure of going to Vancouver to a luncheon put on by the Vancouver Branch with the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen C.W. Hewson as the guest speaker. A trip to the East Coast of Canada for the National A.G.M. in Kentville NS. It was great to be in the company of the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia, her husband Lord Brabourne, Colonel of the Regiment MGen Bill Hewson and his wife Norah, Vice-Patron MGen Herb Pitts, his wife Marianne and all Patricias and their wives.

1996 - A good representation from the Branch at the A.G.M. in Winnipeg, for the Kapyong celebrations.

1997 - The Branch elected Jerry Richard as President. Saskatoon was the site of the A.G.M. for this year. The Saskatchewan Branch showed everybody a good time.

1998 - A.G.M. in Ottawa was a disaster for President Jerry Richard as the meeting was moved ahead by three hours so he did not make it there on time.

1999 - In May, the Branch held its election of Officers for the coming two years. President Tom Tyson. The 85th A.G.M. was held in Edmonton AB, at the new Garrison. To top the year off, I was surprised when I received the Association's Certificate of Merit, presented by Lady Patricia and the Colonel of the Regiment.

2000 - Just starting: here are the dates. We will be meeting 22 Jan, 12 Feb, 17 Mar, 22 Apr, 13 May, 17 Jun, 15 Jul, Stand down Aug, 16 Sep, 28 Oct, Branch A.G.M. 11 Nov Remembrance Day.

All the best for the 'New Year'. If in the Okanagan, drop in anytime. Just call the President or Secretary at these numbers - Tom Tyson (545-8250) or Jerry Richard (545-1207).



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FRASER VALLEY BRANCH

By Mel Canfield

Nineteen ninety-nine started out as a potentially significant year for our branch. The item uppermost on most members' minds was the forthcoming 85th Reunion at the new base outside Edmonton.

At our 17 March gathering, the 85th reunion was a popular topic for conversation. The 17th festivities went very well. Our ladies, with a little seed money and a lot of individual effort put on a good spread. We even had some visitors join us from the Victoria Branch whom we tried our best to make welcome.

Later in March, Felix Carriere, our 'Senior' Pilot, (he will be 79 on 6 Dec), along with a friend, had just completed assembling, testing and getting certified as 'Air Worthy', a Murphy Rebel Airplane Kit. On the 22nd, Felix figured flying conditions were near perfect and their plane was properly certified, so it was time for an inaugural, recreational flight. He took off from Chilliwack airport and headed South. A few minutes out, flying at 1200 ft, his engine went BANG! And quit.

Question! What is the first IA on, 'Airplane flying OK, engine stops'?

For those that don't know, it's put the nose down to maintain air-speed, then find a place to land REAL QUICK! Felix managed to do this, (between two barbed wire fences yet!), with some exemplary skill in the very brief time this process allowed.

When Felix told me this story, I insisted he write it up. He presented it at our next Branch meeting. His dry, quirky delivery, as he read his story, brought a mixture of shock and hilarity to the assembled crowd. Because everything turned out OK, we were all thrilled, as we enjoyed his experience vicariously. (The plane was recovered and ultimately repaired.)

The 85th Reunion was a wonderful experience. There were a few glitches of course, but most of the main events went off beautifully. The Trooping was the highlight for me. The event was not just significant, but historic. For the first time in the history of the Regiment all four battalions provided a guard, complete with their colours, for the parade. The Troops, as always, did magnificently in spite of some looming and threatening weather moving in. We all got off the Parade Square, including the Old Guard, just as the rain struck. Patricia luck again!



After such a momentous summer, the Fall led us back into routine again, until December. At our regular meeting on 1 Dec, Felix reminded us of his up coming 79th birthday on the 6th. The members present serenaded him with a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday to You'. He was admitted to hospital on the morning of the 7th with a sore gut that wouldn't accept any food and was developing an internal lump. By Sunday, the Doctors decided they had to operate. They performed a successful operation during the evening and Felix was moved to the recovery room to begin his recuperation. An hour later Felix was pronounced dead of a massive heart attack. They figure a blood clot got loose from the site of the operation, traveled up his veins to his heart and killed him. Felix's son Greg flew out from Calgary to sort out loose ends his father left behind. Felix's Lady friend, Muriel, closely assisted Greg. Our Association Branch stepped forward to help where we could. Association members attended a memorial service (pre-arranged by Felix at a Funeral Home in Surrey), from Chilliwack, Vancouver and Victoria. The service was scheduled for Friday 17 December 1999 (the same day for which the Chilliwack Branch had their Christmas dinner scheduled). Harry Chatry, who had served with Felix off and on since 1946, masterfully delivered the eulogy. He had the audience nodding in agreement and even chuckling at his knowing comments about Felix's mannerisms, and service, over the years. Following the service and the tea served thereafter, Greg and Muriel were invited to join the Chilliwack Branch at our Christmas dinner, which they accepted. We drove back to Chilliwack quickly, arriving in time for the dinner.

The dinner became our Branch 'Farewell' to Felix. It was conducted with a lot of stories, a lot of humour, and a great deal of respect for a Patricia whose service began weeks after W.W.II was declared. It included the landing in Sicily (where Felix was Cammy Ware's signaller). It continued up the Italian boot (where Felix was wounded twice) until Felix was invalided back to England for recovery from his wounds. He was repatriated back to Canada after five years of overseas service. He took his discharge in Winnipeg and went to work for the CNR, for seven months, at which time he returned to the Army, and the Patricia's. Felix continued to serve the Regiment for the next thirty years, including a year in Korea. He rose in rank to RSM and was subsequently commissioned in the rank of Captain. He retired in 1975 and immediately joined the Regimental Association of which he was a loyal member until he died on 13 December 1999.

RIP for a loyal Patricia.

VANCOUVER BRANCH

We began our year as usual with our A.G.M. at which I, Don (Sam) Urquhart was elected President, Tom Holland as V/President and Thema Holland as Secy/Treasurer.

On 14 March we celebrated the Regimental Day with a Luncheon at the Seaforth Armoury. Our Guest of Honour was Capt Steve Newman.



Lady Patricia with the Walter Mackay Draycott statue.

On 1-4 July, several of our members were in attendance at the 85th Anniversary of the Regiment where we had an opportunity to meet and chat with many old comrades. We also had an opportunity to see how the new 'Modern Patricia' prepares for battle.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia was the guest of Vancouver Branch when she and her husband, Lord Brabourne visited us on 6 July. During that afternoon she visited Lynn Valley in North Vancouver, where Don Parr-Pearson was waiting with a delegation at Pioneer Park. Here, Lady Patricia was 'introduced' to the statue of Walter MacKay Draycott, a pioneer of Lynn Valley and a PPCLI veteran of W.W.I. She later attended a Tea in her honour at the local Canadian Legion Branch.

That evening Lady Patricia joined us at the Seaforth Armory for a 'Meet and Greet' of Patricias, Burma Star Members painted by Branch member Neil Villiers, an ex-officer of the Regiment. Lady Patricia then presented a gold VC medallion to Mr. George Gear, grandson of George H. Mullin, VC, MM. A buffet meal followed.

On 29 August members attended a Barbecue at the home of the Tuttles, where a great time was had by all. Prior to Christmas we again gathered at the Urquhart's home for a Wine and Cheese Party.

On a sad note, we lost several members during the year. Staunch Patricias: Art Kemsley, Joe Stutt and Clarence Moore.

"We shall remember them"



Lady Patricia receives a print of herself painting done by Neil Villiers of Vancouver Branch.

VICTORIA BRANCH

No Submission recieved

Last Post



*Those whom this list commemorates
served King & Queen, Country
and Regiment.*

*At duty's strident call, they left all that
was dear to them, endured hardness,
and faced danger so that others might
live in peace and freedom.*

*Not all soldiers die in battle or glory,
but they too served the Regiment.
Let those who come after see to it
that their names be not forgotten.*

Adames	E.W.	WWII
Allan	Sydney	WWII
Atwell	Horace	Korea
Basaraba	John	WWII
Black	George J.	Korea
Blacklock	Roy C.	Korea
Blacquire	Frank	WWII/Korea
Boldt	John R.	Korea/Reg F
Bollenbach	Manuel	WWII
Bronnum	Maxwell	WWII
Brown	John E.	Reg F
Brown	William	WWII
Brown	Herbert	WWII/Korea
Bunes	Alvin L.	WWII
Campbell	Paul	WWII/Korea
Carriere	Felix	WWII/Korea/Reg F
Carter	Howard G.	WWII
Case	Frederick G.	WWII
Catterson	Robert	Korea
Chapman	Clifford L.	Korea
Charbonneau	R.	WWII
Charles, Sr.	Reginald G.	WWII
Cox	William P.	WWII
Davies	Gordon	Reg F
de Keruzec	Art G.	WWII
Delbridge	Gordon	Korea
Delridge	Gordon	Korea
Deschamps	Carl	Korea
Dubecki	Nikolas	WWII
Dyck	Glen A.	Reg F
Elk	Wilbert	Reg F

May 2, 1999
Sept 18, 1999
May 10, 1999
Dec 21, 1998
July 20, 1999
Jan 15, 1999
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June 8, 1999
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March 9, 1999
Dec 8, 1999
Oct 1, 1999
Oct 14, 1999
July 22, 1999
March 28, 1999
Dec 13, 1999
Jan 24, 1999
April 28, 1999
Dec 12, 1999
Dec 23, 1998
Dec 16, 1999
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March 16, 1999
Jan 11, 1999
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Brandon, MB
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Stoney Creek, ON
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Roblin, MB
Calgary, AB
Calgary, AB
New Westminster, BC
Winnipeg, MB
Winnipeg, MB
Victoria, BC
Winnipeg, MB
Winnipeg, MB
Winnipeg, MB
ON
Brantford, ON
Gladstone, MB
Brandon, MB

Ennis-Smith, CD A. Stuart	Pre-war/WWII/Reg F	August 19, 1999	Burlington, ON
Esler Roy	WWII	Dec 6, 1999	Victoria, BC
Flynn Ross C.	WWII	May 2, 1999	Burlington, ON
Glass Kenneth E.	WWII/Reg F	Oct 16, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Gray Herb	WWII	Feb 15, 1999	Virten, MB
Hall Anthony J.	WWII	April 11, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Halliday Jack R.	WWII	Feb 24, 1999	Pas, MB
Hamilton Ronald W.	Reg F	Feb 5, 1999	Truro, NS
Harding William J.	Reg F	Oct 1, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Harley Daniel	Korea	Nov 17, 1999	Calgary, AB
Hayes Robert	Korea	March 14, 1999	St. Catherines, ON
Heeks Edward A.	Reg F	March 13, 1999	Edmonton, AB
Hidlebaugh Mel J.	WWII	July 6, 1999	Stonewall, MB
Hillcoff Michael	WWII	March 9, 1999	Dauphin, MB
Horbaty Nicholas A.	Reg F	July 14, 1999	New Westminster, BC
Hornsby Frederick J.	WWII	Nov 20, 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Inia Gerritt	Reg F	Sept 16, 1999	Cobourg, On
Isfeld Kristinn J.	WWII	August 25, 1999	Sandy Hook, MB
Jacobs William	Reg F	Sept 28, 1999	Guelph, ON
Jasieniuk Peter R.	WWII	Dec 28, 1998	Speess, SK
Jennens Basil	WWII/Reg F	May 1, 1999	Kelowna, BC
Jessop George	WWII	Sept 16, 1999	Calgary, AB
Jones Walter D.	WWII	Sept 20, 1999	St. Vital, MB
Kemsley, CD Authur H.	WWII/Korea/Reg F	Feb 27, 1999	West Vancouver, BC
Kenner Melvin	Reg F	May 31, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Kilfoyle R.H.	Reg F	Sept 2, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Kruse Axel	WWII	April 7, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Kushnieryk Alexander	WWII/Reg F	Nov 1, 1999	Kakabeka Falls, ON
Kuzyk Walter	WWII	March 14, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Locey Charles E.	WWII	April 18, 1999	Cornwal, ON
MacDonald Robert J.	WWII	July 25, 1999	Maple Ridge, BC
Mackus G.W.	WWII	April 2, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Manson Wayne	WWII	Jan 16, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Mason James W.	WWII	Sept 21, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Mastin Frederick R.	Korea	March 18, 1999	Pine Falls, MB
McDonald Frederick	WWII/Korea	July 15, 1999	Etobicoke, ON
McFarland Aurthur	Reg F	Dec 31, 1998	Sussex, NB
Moore Clarence D.	Korea	Dec 9, 1998	Burnaby, BC
Moore William C.	WWII	April 20, 1999	Stonewall, MB
Morine Sydney	Reg F	Nov 7, 1999	Oshawa, ON
Mueller Fred	Reg F	May 1, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Muir Bob	Korea/Reg F	Jan 7, 1999	Smith Falls, ON
Murray David A.	Korea	April 17, 1999	Kelowna, BC
Newman Lewis C.	WWII	April 11, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Newson Chester	Reg F	Oct 11, 1999	Victoria, BC
Noiseux George A.	WWII	August 4, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Olsen Christian	WWII/Reg F	Feb 18, 1999	Dunnville, ON
Osbourne Joseph A.	Reg F	Feb 15, 1999	Saint John, NB
Penman Norman M.	Reg F	Dec 10, 1999	
Perrier William F.	WWII/Korea/Reg F	July 24, 1999	SK
Powell William	Korea	Dec 21, 1999	Montreal, QC
Price Frank	Reg F	April 11, 1999	Victoria, BC
Roberts R.A.	WWII/Reg F	Feb 24, 1999	High River, AB
Robertson Charles S.	WWII/Korea/Reg F	April 23, 1999	Lanigan, SK
Roblin William	WWII	August 21, 1999	Atikokan, ON
Rodnisky Mitchell	Korea	Oct 11, 1999	Flin Flon, MB
Scharf Douglas F.	Reg F	Nov 14, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Scrace Thomas	WWII	Dec 6, 1999	Saskatoon, SK
Sim George G.	WWII	Feb 27, 1999	Calgary, AB



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Simm	George	WWII	Feb 5, 1999	Calgary, AB
Smith	Laughlin H.	WWII/Korea/Reg F	June 12, 1999	Whycocomagh, NS
Stenerson	Gordon	WWII	August 4, 1999	Maple Ridge, BC
Stewart	William A.	Korea	July 23, 1999	Regina, SK
Stutt	Joe	WWII/Korea/Reg F	Oct 25, 1999	Vancouver, BC
Squires	H. Jerry	Reg F	Aug 25, 1999	Thassos, Greece
Thompson	Gordon S.	Reg F	April 30, 1999	Victoria, BC
Ware, DSO, CD	C.B.	WWII/Reg F	Jan 22, 1999	Victoria, BC
White	William	WWII/Reg F	May 19, 1999	Maple Ridge, BC
White	Russell	Korea	Nov 29, 1999	Montague, PEI
Whitlock	Bert	WWII/Reg F	August 13, 1999	Ingersoll, ON
Wright	Donald W.	Reg F	June 16, 1999	Lambeth, ON
Zalopski	Victor	WWII/Reg F	Nov 4, 1999	Victoria, BC

Remembered

In Remembrance

Sgt. H. Jerry Squires

March 4, 1965 – August 25, 1999

Tragically killed on the Island of Thassos, Greece.
A dedicated soldier, husband and father. He will be missed.

19 ECHO ROGER OUT

Although your time was short with us,
You made a difference you showed us trust.
You are gone but not forgotten,
We see your smile, we hear your laugh,
We know you're there
You're watching our back.

You were a leader, a friend and companion.
We understand it was your time to go
However our sorrow will be slow.
We hope you continue your noble ways
Looking after us through the days.

There is a void that can't be filled
No one dares try nor ever will
To you, our friend we say Goodbye
We will often look to you; through the stars and sky
Guide us through our narrow paths
We're sure you will, like days past.
Goodbye our friend, we'll see you soon
God bless you, Amen.

19 ECHO ROGER OUT

Written in memory of Jerry by Sgt. M. A. MacNeil,
2 PI, A Coy, while serving in Kosovo – August 1999.
(19 Echo is the Transport Sergeant's call sign in A Coy)



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Regimental Commendations

Major M.M. Minor

The Hamilton Gault Trophy

2 PPCLI

The Hamilton Gault Skill at Arms Trophy

2 PPCLI

1999

Regimental Achievements

Lieutenant T.M. Neufeld
Master Corporal W.R. Cooper
Master Corporal M.J. Meihuizen
Corporal I.W. Long
Private C.O. Alcock

Regimental Commendations

Captain S.K. Newman
Sergeant J. Devine
Corporal M.A. Dicapua
Mrs. M. Bedford
Cadet/MWO J. Craig

The Hamilton Gault Trophy

3 PPCLI

The Hamilton Gault Skill at Arms Trophy

B-Coy 3 PPCLI

Commanders Commendation

Master Warrant Officer W.D. Brown
Warrant Officer P.A. Lucas
Sergeant W.F. Thomas

